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Turks Pull Envoy Over House Vote

ANGRY RESPONSE: Protesters in Istanbul on Thursday denounce a vote by the House Foreign Affairs Committee declaring the World War I-era mass killings of Armenians an act of genocide. Angered by the vote, Turkey withdrew its ambassador to the U.S. for consultations over relations between the two countries. ✣ **'Unacceptable':** Turkish leaders react angrily to the vote | Page 6

Child Cold Remedies Recalled

Makers pull medicines from shelves citing overdose fears

WASHINGTON | Drug makers on Thursday voluntarily pulled children's cold medicines off the market less than two weeks after the government warned of potential health risks.

Over-the-counter medications aimed at children under the age of 2 are being removed from store shelves because of rare instances of parents overdosing young children, a trade group that represents the drugs' manufacturers said. The group said parents should no longer administer these medications.

The Consumer Healthcare Products Association said last month it agreed with government officials that use of the drugs should be restricted, but had previously stopped short of pulling the products from the market.

Cold medicines being withdrawn include Johnson & Johnson Pediacare Infant Drops Tylenol Concentrated Infants Drops, Wyeth's Dimetapp Decongestant Infant Drops, Novartis' Triaminic Infant & Toddler Thin Strips and Prestige Brands Holdings' Little Colds Decongestant Plus Cough.

The medicines come in tiny, droplet-size doses, but parents occasionally do not consult or follow directions from physicians, which can lead to accidental overdose. (AP)

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ERODING RIGHTS

Liberty Banned In Arkansas Capital

A lawmaker said Wednesday she'll try again to clean up the Arkansas Statehouse rules that ban a cup of water on a desk but allow a day's worth of tobacco juice. Rep. Pam Adcock said she will propose a ban on chewing tobacco from the chamber's floors and committee rooms. Adcock said a ban on smokeless tobacco would be similar to other rules regulating legislators' decorum in the Capitol, including prohibitions on food and drink in some areas. Gov. Mike Beebe said he was surprised that chewing tobacco was allowed on the House floor. "It's fine with me. I thought it was already banned," Beebe said. (AP)

PROFESSIONS

He Wasn't Lying: He DID Make Dough

A pizzeria owner has been accused of making counterfeit bills in a room behind his oven. Police said Wednesday that they found $6,000 in fake bills, along with printing equipment and cutting devices, in a back office at the Brick Oven Pizza Shop in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. Frank Donato, 39, was arrested Tuesday and charged with 16 counts of forgery. Sgt. Harold Young said Donato had used the equipment "to print and subsequently distribute counterfeit United States currency." Bendish said the equipment seized was "what you'd consider standard equipment in any kind of business." (AP)

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TREASON

Barney Is Dumb And Needs a Bath

A Warsaw, Poland, court has ordered a political party to apologize publicly to the speaker of parliament for making false claims about him and his dog. The Left and Democrats opposition party claimed in a radio ad that Parliamentary Speaker Ludwik Dorn's schnauzer Saba destroyed furniture in government offices and that Dorn had refused to pay for the damage. The party accused the ruling Law and Justice party, to which Dorn belongs, of misusing public money. The court determined that the information was false and ordered the party to apologize in radio broadcasts that must run three times over three days; the ads must say that the party's electoral committee "apologizes for spreading untrue information alleging that his dog Saba destroyed furniture in the ministry, that is, that it chewed it and that Ludwik Dorn did not pay for the destroyed goods." The Left and Democrats have appealed the ruling, forcing a delay of the apology. The party's leader, Wojciech Olejniczak, defended his party's ad. "Our goal was not to offend the dog Saba," he said. (AP)

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KIDDIE CRISIS: Arkansas Gov. Mike Beebe said Thursday that a law that could let even toddlers marry doesn't yet require a special session of the Legislature to fix. The law inadvertently allows Arkansas minors of any age to marry with parental consent.

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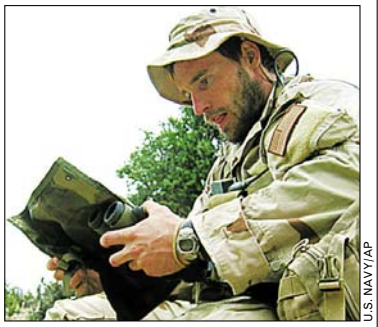

U.S. NAVY/AP

Navy SEAL Lt. Michael P. Murphy was killed leading a mission in Afghanistan.

GARDEN CITY, N.J.

Navy SEAL Killed on Mission Is Awarded Medal of Honor

A Navy SEAL who was killed while leading a reconnaissance mission in Afghanistan will receive the nation's highest military award, the Medal of Honor. Lt. Michael P. Murphy is the first Medal of Honor recipient for combat in Afghanistan, the Navy said. Murphy is credited with risking his own life to save the lives of his comrades by moving into the open to transmit a call for help during a firefight. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Federal Budget Deficit Hits Lowest Level in 5 Years

The Bush administration reported Thursday that the federal budget deficit fell to $162.8 billion in the just-completed budget year, the lowest amount of red ink in five years. The administration credited the president's tax cuts for helping generate record-breaking revenues in the country. (AP)

Blackwater Sued by Iraqi Families

Relatives of shooting victims say company violated federal laws

WASHINGTON | Families of Iraqis who died in a shooting involving Blackwater USA contractors in Baghdad sued the company Thursday, saying the firm violated U.S. law and fostered a culture of lawlessness among its employees.

The suit in U.S. District Court in Washington says the contractor has been paid more than $1 billion by the U.S. government since 2001 and that the company violated the federal laws in the Sept. 16 killings.

"Blackwater has turned recklessness into profit at the expense of the lives of innocent civilians," said Vincent Warren, executive director of the Center for Constitutional Rights, which brought the suit.

Seventeen Iraqis died in the Sept. 16 shootings.

Blackwater spokeswoman Anne Tyrrell said the company was aware of the lawsuit. "Because it is a matter currently under investigation by the FBI, we will refrain from commenting on the specifics of the case other than to say that the company will defend itself vigorously," she said.

The FBI arrived in Baghdad a week ago to investigate the incident, taking over a State Department investigation and raising the prospect that it could be referred to the Justice Department for criminal prosecution.

PETE YOST (AP)

UNDER REVIEW

- The State Department has counted 56 shooting incidents involving Blackwater guards in Iraq this year. All were being investigated as part of an inquiry ordered by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.
- Iraqi officials say Blackwater's license to operate in Iraq expired on June 2, 2006, meaning it had no immunity to prosecution under Iraqi laws.

NEW YORK CITY | WELCOMING THE DALAI LAMA

MARY ALTAFFER/AP

REVERENCE: The Dalai Lama, left, greets Buddhist monks as he arrives to speak to members of the Tibetan Community on Thursday at the Jacob K. Javitz Convention Center in New York. President Bush said on Wednesday he will attend a ceremony at the Capitol next week to award Congress' highest civilian honor to the visiting Dalai Lama.

Study: Craving For Chocolate Is A Gut Reaction

WASHINGTON | If that craving for chocolate sometimes feels like it is coming from deep in your gut, that's because maybe it is. A small study in the Journal of Proteome Research links the type of bacteria living in people's digestive system to a desire for chocolate.

Everyone has a vast community of microbes in their guts. But people who crave daily chocolate show signs of having different colonies of bacteria than people who are immune to chocolate's allure, the study found.

That may be the case for other foods, too. The idea could eventually lead to treating obesity by changing the composition of bacteria in the intestines and stomach. (AP)

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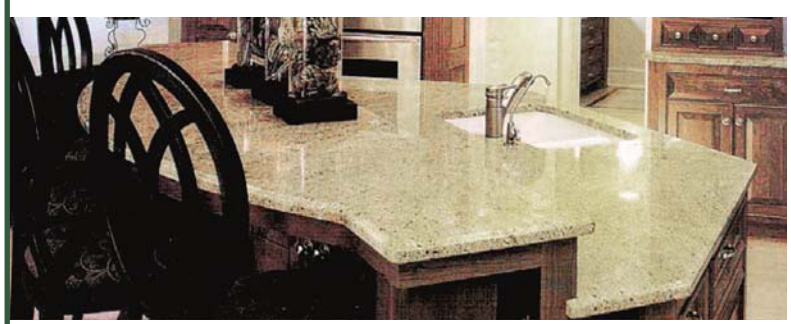

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Chief of Police Michael McGrath, left, briefs the press on Thursday about a shooting at a high school in downtown Cleveland.

Shooter Had Troubled Past

Students claim they warned Ohio school of gunman's threats

CLEVELAND | Despite 26 security cameras, officials couldn't say Thursday how an armed, suspended 14-year-old student was able to get into his downtown school a day earlier and shoot two students and two teachers before killing himself.

School officials also were investigating how a number of warning signs from the troubled student, including threats made last week, apparently went unheeded.

Police were checking surveillance video Thursday for clues as to how Asa H. Coon, armed with two revolvers, was able to enter the SuccessTech Academy alternative school. Police Chief Michael McGrath said a classmate could have let him in a back door.

Coon was a new student at the school, but the district has a dossier on past problems. He had mental health problems, spent time in two juvenile facilities and was suspended from school last year, according to juvenile court records.

He had been suspended for a Monday fight, but students said officials had done nothing about threats he had made last week to blow up the school and stab students.

"I told my friends in the class that he had a gun and stuff," Rasheem Smith, 15, said Thursday on CBS's "Early Show." "We talked to the principal. She would try to get us all in the office, but it would always be too busy for it to happen."

Schools CEO Eugene Sanders said the district would investigate. JOE MILICIA (AP)

SECURITY BREACH

→ Police Chief Michael McGrath said Thursday that the preliminary investigation found that Stephen Coon entered the school Wednesday and went to a fourth-floor bathroom, where he changed clothes and took items, possibly the weapons, out of a duffel bag and put them on his body.

HEARSAY | POLITICS

"It's bizarre that the recovery of New Orleans is a bigger issue in the presidential race than [in] the governor's race."

—**BOB MANN**, PROFESSOR AT LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY. THE GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES IN LOUISIANA HAVE NOT MADE HURRICANE KATRINA A CAMPAIGN ISSUE.

McCain Unveils Health Care Plan

DES MOINES, IOWA | John McCain proposed an overhaul of the nation's health care system Thursday, aiming to give people more control, encourage greater competition and lower costs.

McCain's plan focuses on expanding access for individuals and families but would not require people to carry health insurance. To varying degrees, Democrats want to make health coverage mandatory.

"The solution, my friends, isn't a one-size-fits-all, big-government takeover of health care," he told the Rotary Club of Des Moines. "It resides where every important social advance has always resided — with the American people themselves, with well-informed American families making practical decisions." (AP)

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World

"There is an Iranian history of obfuscation and, indeed, lying to the IAEA."

—**Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice**, doubting Iran's nuclear intentions.

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Workers' Party members wave Turkish flags in protest of a U.S. measure declaring the 1915 killings of Armenians a genocide.

Turkey Recalls U.S. Envoy

Angry over genocide resolution, leaders warn of repercussions

ANKARA, TURKEY | Turkey, which is a key supply route to U.S. troops in Iraq, recalled its ambassador to Washington on Wednesday and warned of serious repercussions if Congress labels the killing of Armenians by Turks a century ago as genocide.

Ordered after a House committee endorsed the genocide measure, the summons of the ambassador for consultations was a further sign of the deteriorating relations between two longtime allies and the potential for new turmoil in an already troubled region.

Egeman Bagis, an aide to Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, told Turkish media that Turkey — a conduit for many of the supplies shipped to American bases in both Iraq and Afghanistan — might have to "cut logistical support to the U.S."

Turkey's ambassador in Washington, Nabi Sensoy, was ordered home for discussions with the Turkish leadership about what is happening in Congress, Foreign Minister spokesman Levent Bilman said. He said Sensoy would go back after seven to 10 days.

Analysts also have speculated the resolution could make Turkey more inclined to send troops into northern Iraq to hunt Turkish Kurd rebels, a move opposed by the U.S. because it would disrupt one of the few relatively stable and peaceful Iraqi areas.

"There are steps that we will take," Turkey's prime minister told reporters, but without elaboration.

CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA (AP)

TENSIONS ON IRAQ BORDER

U.S. Gen. David Petraeus expressed worry over Turkey's plan to attack the Kurds:

→ The top U.S. commander in Iraq warned Thursday that Turkey's threatened incursion into Kurdish regions in the north of the country could harm the flow of supplies for U.S. troops and damage the Kurdish economy. "We are concerned about that," Petraeus told two U.S. reporters on Thursday near Baghdad.

Afghanistan Shuts 2 Private Security Firms

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | Echoing a growing problem in Iraq, Afghan authorities are cracking down on lucrative but largely unregulated security firms, some of which are suspected of murder.

Two private Afghan security companies were raided and shut down this week, and a dozen or so more contractors — including some protecting embassies — would be closed soon, police and Western officials told The Associated Press on Thursday.

The government is proposing new rules to tighten control over such firms, including some Western companies, amid concerns they intimidate Afghans, show disrespect to local security forces and don't cooperate with authorities, according to a draft policy document obtained by the AP. (AP)

RAFIQ MAQBOOL/AP

A private security officer guards a shop in Kabul, Afghanistan, Thursday.

U.N. Steps Up Pressure on Contractors

BAGHDAD | U.N. officials in Iraq stepped up pressure on the United States on Thursday to prosecute any unjustified killings of Iraqi civilians by private security contractors, saying such killings could amount to war crimes or crimes against humanity if "done in cold blood."

While Americans are unlikely to face such charges, the words served as a harsh rebuke as outrage spreads over what many Iraqis perceive as overly aggressive behavior of the heavily armed foreigners protecting U.S. government-funded work. "For us, it's a human rights issue," said Ivana Vuco, a human rights officer with the U.N. (AP)

Study: Unsafe Abortions Prevalent

LONDON | Women are just as likely to get an abortion in countries where it is legal as where it is outlawed, according to research published Friday.

In a study examining abortion trends from 1995 to 2003, experts also found that abortion rates are virtually equal in rich and poor countries, and that half of all abortions worldwide are unsafe.

The study was done by Gilda Sedgh of the Guttmacher Institute in the United States and colleagues from the World Health Organization. It was published in an edition of The Lancet medical journal devoted to maternal health.

Abortion accounts for 13 percent of maternal mortality worldwide. About 70,000 women die every year from unsafe abortions. An additional 5 million women suffer permanent or temporary injury.

The number of worldwide abortions has dipped from about 46 million in 1995 to just under 42 million in 2003. But there was no change in the rate of unsafe abortions. (AP)

In Brief

JUBA, SUDAN

Southern Party Pulls Out of Unity Government

Southern Sudan's former rebels on Thursday suspended participation in the central government, accusing it of failing to abide by a peace deal in a dispute that threatens a rare success in the troubled nation. U.S. and other international officials have warned that a 2005 peace agreement between Sudan's north and south was in danger of unraveling, threatening a new civil war that could also dash hopes for ending a separate conflict in western Darfur. (AP)

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN

Defying Musharraf, Bhutto Plans Return to Pakistan

The party of exiled former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto said Thursday she will return to Pakistan next week to campaign for January elections although Gen. Pervez Musharraf wants her to delay until his new presidential term is confirmed. Bhutto plans a grand homecoming on Oct. 18, to resurrect a political career on hold since she went into self-imposed exile in 1999 to escape corruption charges. (AP)

Bhutto

YANGON, MYANMAR

Group Alleges Junta Is Mistreating Protesters

Security guards beat, kicked and withheld lifesaving medical care from protesters detained during Myanmar's crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrations, leaving some to die, the Democratic Voice of Burma said Thursday. (AP)

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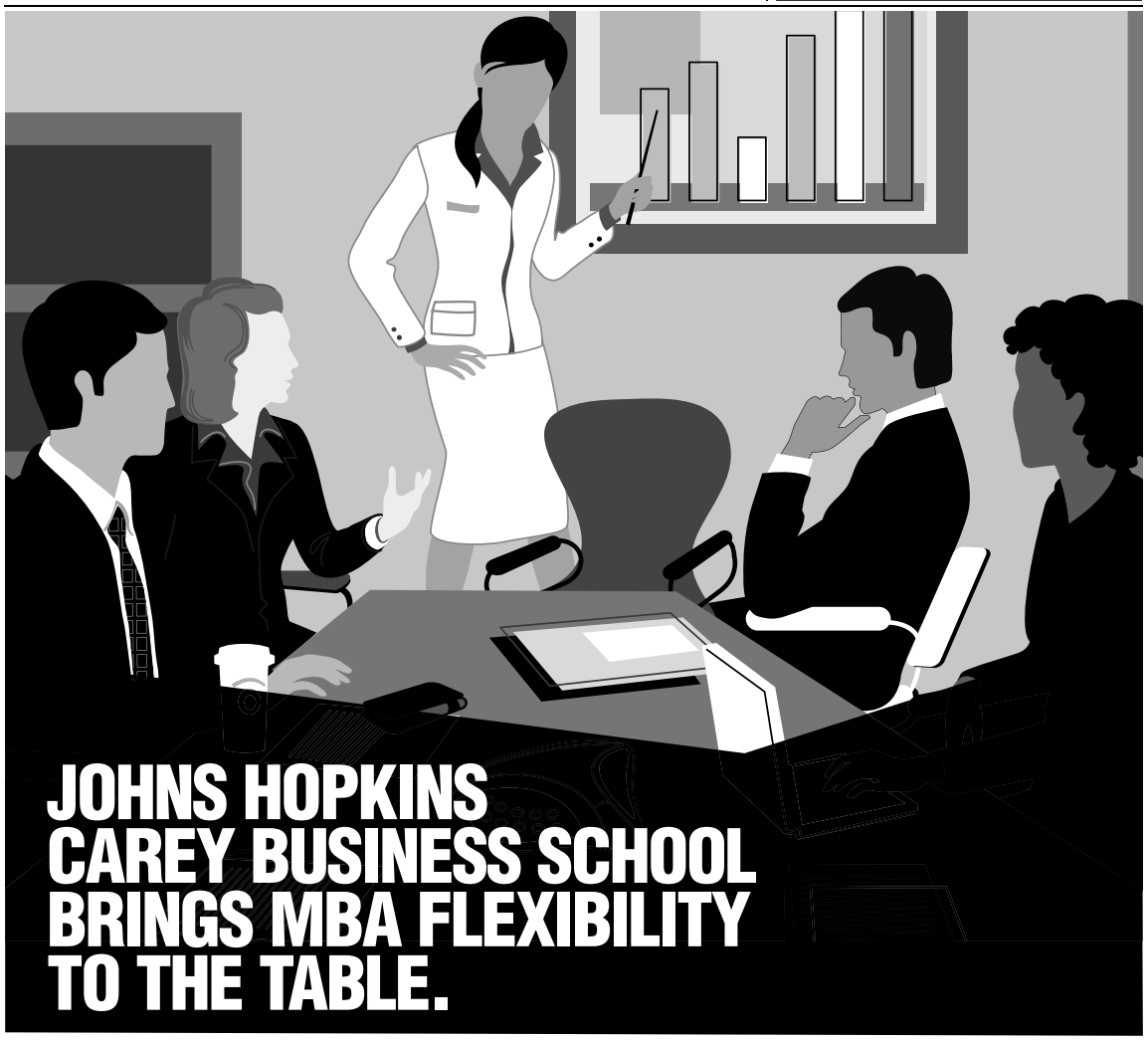

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World

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British author Doris Lessing carries flowers and tributes as she arrives at her home in north London on Thursday. Lessing, 88, won the Nobel prize in literature.

'A Royal Flush' For U.K.'s Lessing

'Golden Notebook' author draws mixed reviews for Nobel win

NEW YORK | Doris Lessing, Nobel laureate. This year's winner of the literature prize should inspire a fresh look at the long, prolific career of the British author of "The Golden Notebook" and dozens of other works, and a fresh debate about the taste of Nobel judges.

Lessing, whose novels, short stories, memoirs and plays have reflected her own unexpected journeys across time, space and ideology, was praised Thursday by the Swedish Academy for her "skepticism, fire and visionary power."

"I've won all the prizes in Europe, every bloody one, so I'm delighted to win them all," said Lessing. Her previous honors include the James Tait Black Memorial Book Prize and the W.H. Smith Literary Award.

"It's a royal flush," she said.

But the announcement was stunning even by the standards of Nobel literature judges, who have been known for such surprises as Austria's Elfriede Jelinek and Italy's Dario Fo, picks challenged for valuing political dissent over artistic merit.

Lessing, almost two weeks short of her 88th birthday, is the oldest choice ever for the prize. Although she continues to publish at least every other year, she has received little attention for her recent work.

"This is pure political correctness," literary critic Harold Bloom told The Associated Press. "Although Ms. Lessing at the beginning of her writing career had a few admirable qualities, I find her work for the past 15 years quite unreadable ... fourth-rate science fiction." HILLEL ITALIE (AP)

Gore Favored to Win Peace Prize

OSLO, NORWAY | Climate change campaigners, including Al Gore, topped speculation about who would win the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday.

The former vice president was nominated jointly with Canadian Inuit activist Sheila Watt-Cloutier by two Norwegian politicians. Nobel watchers and bookmakers say they are both good bets, as are the U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and its leader, Rajendra Pachauri. Others figuring high in the speculation included Finnish peace mediator Matti Ahtisaari, Vietnamese monk Thich Quang Do and Irena Sendler, who saved Jewish children in Poland during World War II. (AP)

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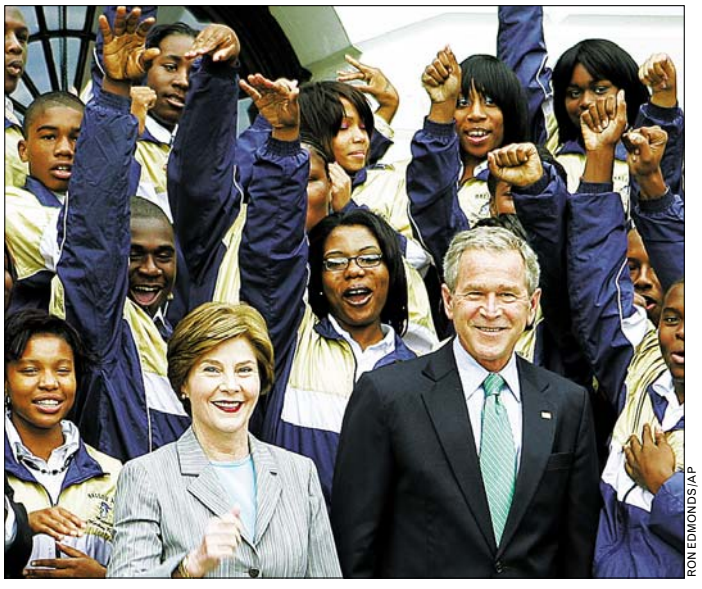
Local

WASHINGTON | BALLOU HIGH VISITS WHITE HOUSE



RON EDMONDS/AP

FIELD TRIP: First lady Laura Bush and President Bush meet the Ballou High School marching band on the South Lawn of the White House on Thursday. The band was at the White House to attend a private screening of "Ballou: A Documentary," a film about the Southeast school's band.

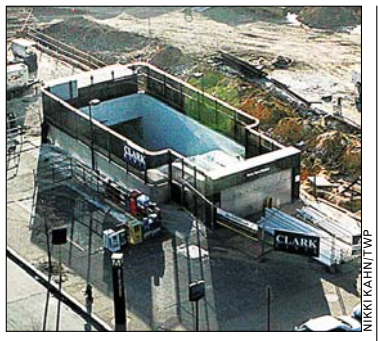
Metro Sued by Developer

Controversial land deal could affect opening of new Nationals ballpark

Monument Realty filed a federal lawsuit Thursday against Metro to stop the sale of the transit agency's land near the Washington Nationals' new baseball stadium, escalating a dispute that threatens to disrupt the opening of the ballpark next spring.

In a 49-page complaint, lawyers for the development company ask the U.S. District Court to invalidate the Metro board's decision Sept. 27 to sell a 2.2-acre bus garage site just north of the stadium to Akridge Co. for $69 million.

Instead, Monument argues that it deserves the property because it has been working with Metro and the District government for three years as "master developer" of the area, with the implicit understanding that Metro would sell Monument the land.



NIKKI KAHN/TWP

The Navy Yard Metro station will provide service for ballpark attendees.

The fight could affect the opening of the ballpark for two reasons.

First, Monument is working with Metro to expand the Navy Yard Metro station, the closest stop to the stadium.

District and Nationals officials expect up to half the crowd at the 41,000-seat ballpark to take Metro to the games, but Monument officials have threatened to slow work on the project — which is already several weeks behind schedule — if they are not awarded Metro's land.

Second, city and team officials hope to use the bus garage site to park 350 vehicles per game during the first season because it would take at least a year for Akridge to begin building at the site. But that plan could be delayed if the property were tied up in a court battle.

DAVID NAKAMURA (THE WASHINGTON POST)

New Sex Education to Begin in Md.

ROCKVILLE, MD. | A new sex education curriculum will proceed as planned in Montgomery County public schools.

Montgomery County Circuit Court Judge William Rowan has denied a request from advocacy groups to block schools from teaching the new lessons in middle and high schools this fall.

The lessons introduce the topic of sexual orientation in classrooms for the first time in eighth- and 10th-grade health classes.

The request for a legal block on starting the classes this month was denied Tuesday.

It was part of an appeal filed in July that won't have a full hearing until January. (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, Oct. 11

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	7-8-0
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	4-6-2
Mid-day DC 4	0-0-2-3
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	1-1-5-5
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	7-12-20-22-25
Daily 6 (Wed.)	8-10-15-24-25-28 Bonus: 38
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	7-23-25-37-38 (13)

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	7-6-2
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	8-9-6
Mid-day Pick 4	7-0-0-3
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	4-5-8-1
Match 5 (Wed.)	13-16-19-21-36 Bonus: 39
Lotto (Wed.)	10-19-24-34-39-41

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	5-6-2
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	6-0-1
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	9-4-2-3
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	8-3-1-9
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	5-6-12-15-30
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	13-15-16-19-29
Win for Life (Wed.)	12-15-23-34-36-40

MULTI-STATE GAMES

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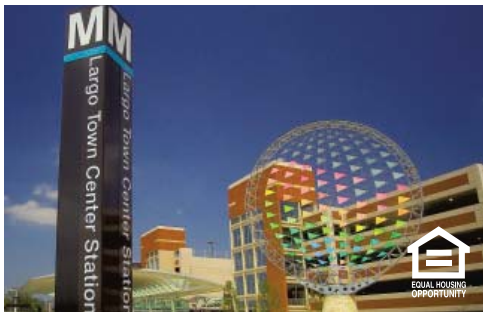

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Money

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Aeropstl s	21.71	+1.79	+9.0
SecCapAs	22.33	+1.79	+8.7
Buckle s	41.34	+3.21	+8.4
NwpkRs lf	6.10	+.44	+7.8
StageStrs s	19.01	+1.35	+7.6

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
RubyTues	16.23	-2.57	-13.7
Cryolife	8.00	-.84	-9.5
MensW	44.16	-4.32	-8.9
Perini Cp	61.18	-5.55	-8.3
ScottishRe	3.23	-.28	-8.0

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
HelicosB n	11.25	+2.50	+28.6
LJ Intl lf	6.15	+1.32	+27.3
HSW Intl n	8.34	+1.24	+17.5
GeoPharm	3.65	+.53	+17.0
Iomai	1.87	-.06	-3.1

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
NPS Phm	4.21	-1.47	-25.9
NatureVis	2.05	-.55	-21.2
EZEM	15.65	-4.05	-20.6
NeurobiT rs	3.03	-.77	-20.3
NetSolTch	2.90	-.64	-18.1

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-63.57	-39.41	-8.06
-0.45	-1.40	-0.52
14015.12	2772.20	1554.41

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.23	5.23
3-month disc	4.76	4.81
2-year	4.68	4.64
10-year	4.67	4.68
30-year	4.83	4.86

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.4917	.4898	.5396
Canadian Dollar	.9762	.9813	1.1380
European Euro	.7034	.7076	.7989
Japanese Yen	117.25	117.25	119.72
Mexican Peso	10.8231	10.8328	11.0310
Taiwanese Dollar	32.68	32.70	33.31

Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AbtLab	53.36	-.55	+9.5
Allergan s	66.63	-1.14	+11.3
AstraZen	52.36	+.08	-2.2
BarrPhm	55.76	-.02	+11.3
BrMySq	29.50	-.13	+13.3
CephIn	74.83	-.70	+6.3
ForestLab	37.96	-.40	-25.0
Hospira	41.44	-.21	+23.4
JohnJn	65.95	+.12	-.1
LillyEli	58.35	-.05	+12.0
Merck	53.04	-.19	+21.7
Pfizer	25.45	-.09	-1.7
SchergPl	32.25	-.09	+36.4
WarnerChil	19.22	-.14	+39.1
Wyeth	45.78	-.38	-10.1

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Retailers Lower Sales Forecasts

Lingering summer weather, high prices blamed for 'soft' Sept.

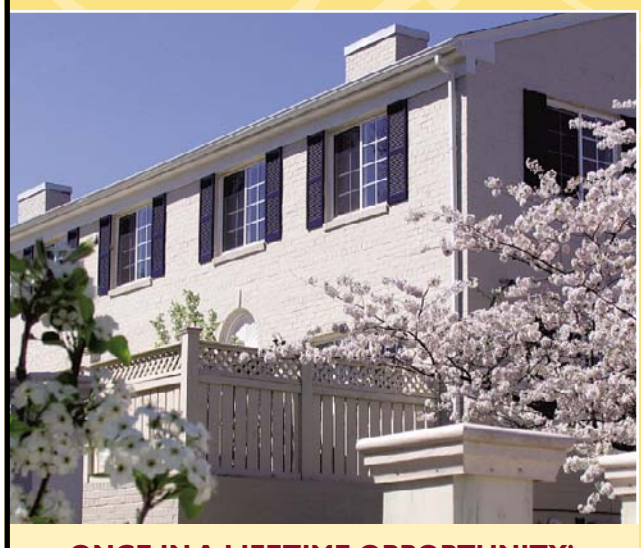
NEW YORK | Several of the nation's largest retailers cut their earnings forecasts Thursday after lingering summer weather and an uncertain economy kept consumers from shopping last month and left the big merchants with disappointing sales.

As store owners reported September sales figures Thursday, the biggest losers were apparel sellers including Limited Brands Inc. and Gap Inc. Target Corp., J.C. Penney Co., Limited Brands Inc. and Nordstrom Inc. were among those lowering their earnings outlooks.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. posted a modest sales gain that was slightly below analysts' expectations but raised its third-quarter profit outlook because of cost-cutting.

"Sales are coming in soft, as expected," said Ken Perkins, president of RetailMetrics LLC, a research company in Swampscott, Mass. "It was a perfect storm, a combination of abnormally warm weather, high food and energy prices, a continued sluggish housing marketing and tight credit."

Perkins added that if sales don't pick up, stores will be forced to slash prices to get rid of inventory and make room for holiday merchandise that will start to flow into stores this month. (AP)



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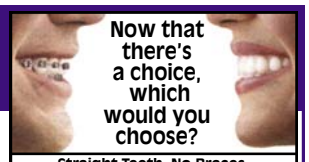

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Sunday in The Washington Post

JAY PAUL FOR TWP

CLEAN SHAVE: Used to disposable Bics, Dan Zak gets the royal treatment at a local spa. There are 60 day spas in the District.

Strife of Luxury

Begrudgingly, a local man explores the spa scene in Washington

IN SUNDAY SOURCE | Mine is a good life, but it's by no means pampered. My barbering costs $16 at Hair Cuttery. I use disposable Bic razors. I've never had a manicure, and certainly have never entertained the thought of a facial or body wrap. The only massage I've had was administered by an elderly (but aggressive) Chinese man in the concourse of Westfield Montgomery mall. I was in tears by the end — and not the good kind. It had never occurred to me that our capital city had much to offer spa-wise. The closest I thought I'd ever get to a deep-tissue massage was getting mugged in Adams Morgan.

Silly me. There are 60 day spas in the District, according to the Day Spa Association. Sixty spas means one spa per square mile, which is more than any other U.S. city of comparable size. There are 207 in Maryland and 346 in Virginia.

"In 1991, I knew of five day spas in the whole country," says Hannelore Leavy, founder and executive director of the New Jersey-based Day Spa Association. "In 1994, I had a list of 300. My list is now 12,000. The growth has been tremendous."

So, it was to be a couple of days at the spa for me. Five hours at the hands of strangers sporting such titles as "grooming expert" and the vague but beautiful "aesthetician." The total price tag, with tips, would be $817.36. Yes, that's a splurge for us average Washingtonians, but the battery of treatments was the only way to introduce someone as unrefined as myself to this spa town.

DAN ZAK (THE WASHINGTON POST)

for more ...

IN SUNDAY SOURCE

Find out whether Dan leaves his spa adventure feeling pampered and pretty. Or does he come out crushed under the weight of all of those ear candlings, pedicures and vitamin C facials?

IN The Washington Post

3 more reasons to read

THESE STORIES AND MORE **THIS SUNDAY**

Too Late Innings

A generation of East Coast kids is growing up without October baseball — because the games are on too late for them to watch. **OUTLOOK**

No Reservations

Tom Sietsema serves up 50 of D.C.'s most compelling restaurants in the Fall Dining Guide. **THE MAGAZINE**

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Money Matters? The Indians beat the $195 million Yankees last week. This week, they go after the $143 million Red Sox. | 16

TV Lineup

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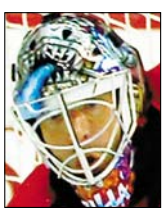
Randy Moss is No. 1. He is averaging more than a touchdown per game.

➜ **SOMETHING'S GOTTA GIVE:** Just as there is no crying in baseball, there's no tying in football — or at least there shouldn't be. Either the Patriots or the Cowboys will record their first loss of the year when the squads go head-to-head on Sunday (4:15 p.m. on CBS).

➜ **NEW YORK STATE OF MIND:** The Caps look to keep their record spotless when they head to New York for the second time in two weeks, this time to face the Rangers Friday (7 p.m. on CSN). Then, they head upstate to play Buffalo Saturday (7 p.m. on CSN+).



Olie Kolzig

➜ **AND THEN THERE WERE 4:** The ALCS between the Red Sox and the Indians kicks off on Friday (7 p.m. on FOX), and the teams play again on Saturday (8 p.m. on FOX). The NLCS is under way, but the Rockies and D'backs play Game 2 Friday (10 p.m. on TBS) and Game 3 Sunday (8:30 p.m. on TBS).

➜ **WEEK 7 WHEREABOUTS:** After last week's new college football rankings, many were left with one burning question: "WHAT???" The answer might become a bit clearer with this week's matchups, including No. 1 LSU at No. 17 Kentucky on Saturday (3:30 p.m. on CBS) and No. 11 Missouri at No. 6 Oklahoma on Saturday (6:30 p.m. on FSN).

➜ **DOUSING THE FLAMES:** D.C. United hosts the Chicago Fire in the penultimate regular-season game of the year on Saturday (7:30 p.m. on CSN).

Running in Place

The ground attack is slow, but does it matter?

REDSKINS | John Riggins. Earnest Byner. And for one crazy night, even Timmy Smith.

The Redskins are used to riding running backs to victory, and Clinton Portis and Ladell Betts seem more than capable of keeping up that tradition.

But so far this season, Washington has been winning more with defensive grit and timely passing instead of a glut of handoffs and a pile of dust — er, shredded turf.

The Redskins (3-1) have posted 200 rushing yards over the last two games, but those come on 62 carries. That's just 3.2 yards per attempt for a squad that prides itself on its ground game. Any other year, things would be looking worrisome, especially when you add a Portis fumble last week and Betts' getting stuffed on the goal line against the Giants in Week 3.

Still, the Redskins are plenty pleased with last week's 34-point performance against Detroit. In fact, Jason Campbell's mastery in the passing game (23 for 29 for 248 yards and NFC Offensive Player of the Week honors) may be the first sign on the road to a more balanced, effective offense than we've seen in the second Joe Gibbs era.

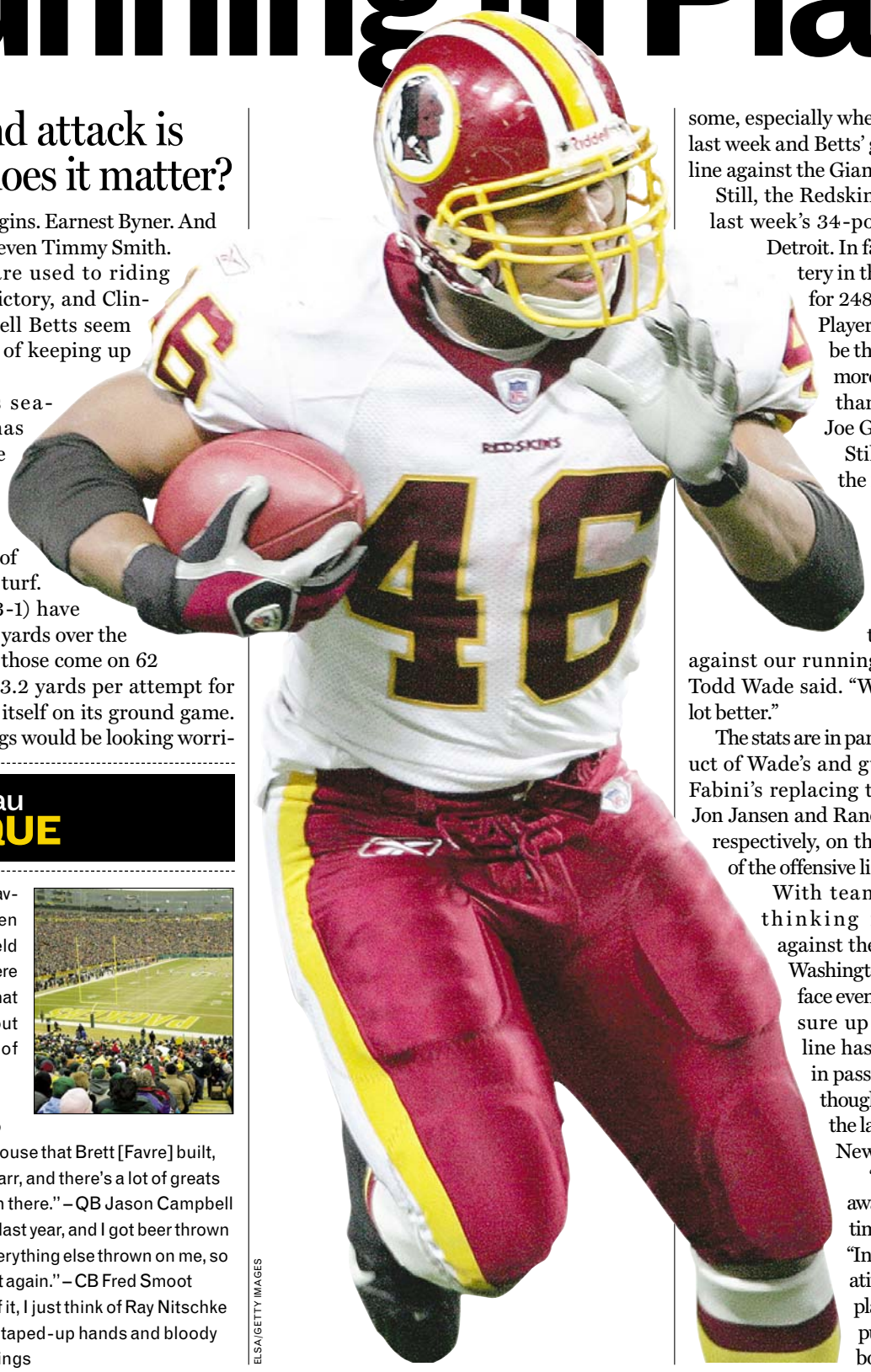
Still, the offensive line knows the numbers could be better.

"We want to be running the ball better than we are, but we're not going to get the six-man boxes like we did last year now that teams are trying to scheme against our running game," offensive tackle Todd Wade said. "We can do a lot better."

The stats are in part a by-product of Wade's and guard Jason Fabini's replacing the injured Jon Jansen and Randy Thomas, respectively, on the right side of the offensive line.

With teams already thinking run-first against the Redskins, Washington stands to face even more pressure up front. The line has responded in pass protection, though, allowing just two sacks in the last two games (both against New York).

"Sometimes teams can take away from the run for a period of time," guard Pete Kendall said. "Instead of focusing on that negative, you focus on how Jason's played. ... He's hurt teams who put that extra guy down in the box." ERIC BRANDNER



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The Lambeau MYSTIQUE

The Redskins haven't traveled to the fabled frozen tundra of Lambeau Field since 2002, when they were blasted 30-9. Here is what some players said about traveling to the land of cheeseheads:

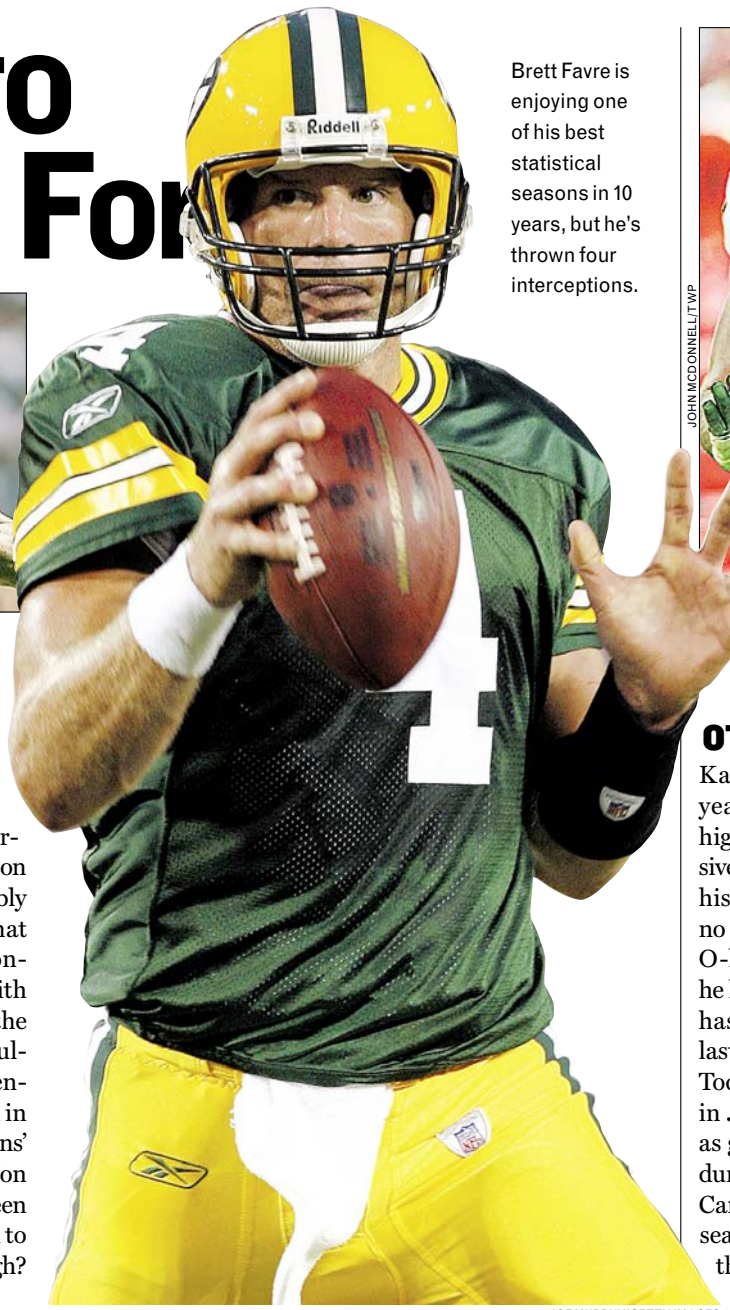
➜ "It's a privilege to have the opportunity to play there. This is the house that Brett [Favre] built, also along with Bart Starr, and there's a lot of greats that have come through there." – QB Jason Campbell

➜ "I Lambeau Leaped last year, and I got beer thrown on me and brats and everything else thrown on me, so I don't know if I'd try that again." – CB Fred Smoot

➜ "Every time I think of it, I just think of Ray Nitschke – No. 66 you know, with taped-up hands and bloody fists." – CB Shawn Springs

BETTING | **It's OK to Be Mad** There aren't many things that beat taking a good nap. Taking a good nap and waking up $548,532 richer is one of those few things. Krista Durham won that sum of money when she picked the winners of all 14 NFL games last week, according to the Windsor (Ontario) Star. "I fell asleep while the games were playing," Durham said. "I have no idea which teams are good or bad. All I did was fill in the boxes. I remember thinking when I finished what a pretty pattern I had made." Look for March Madness brackets to be a lot "prettier" this spring. (EXPRESS)

What to Watch For



Brett Favre is enjoying one of his best statistical seasons in 10 years, but he's thrown four interceptions.

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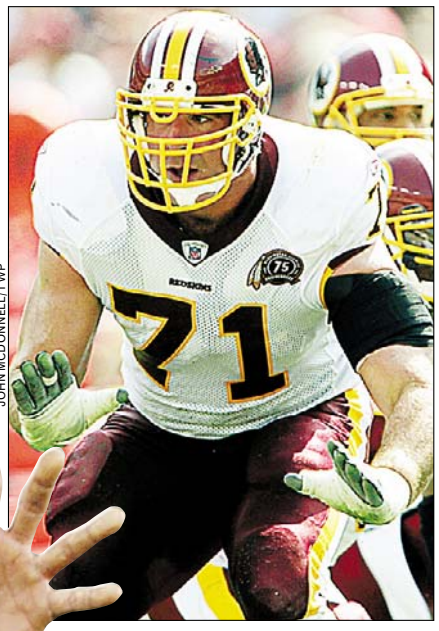
WHEN THE PACKERS HAVE THE BALL

QB Brett Favre vs. S Sean Taylor

It's been a revival year for Brett Favre, who has a passer rating of 94.7, his best in more than a decade. The 38-year-old quarterback has completed a career-high 67.1 percent of his passes this year on the way to a 4-1 record. "He is probably the closest thing to being a god in that area," Redskins lineman and Wisconsin native Casey Rabach said. But with the second-worst running attack in the NFL, the weight is all on Favre's shoulders, and the gunslinger still has a tendency to throw a few picks, like he did in last week's loss to the Bears. The Redskins' pass defense thoroughly dominated Jon Kitna and the Lions last week, and Green Bay similarly relies on its quarterback to move the chains. Can Favre come through?

IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)



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WHEN THE REDSKINS HAVE THE BALL

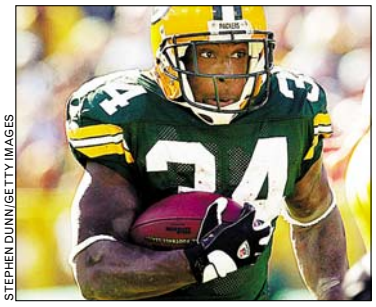
DE Aaron Kampman vs. OT Todd Wade

Kampman had a breakout season last year. In addition to posting a career-high 89 tackles, the Packers' left defensive end put up 15.5 sacks, nine more than his previous high. It looks like that was no fluke. The six-year pro is dominating O-lines once again. Through five games, he has 20 tackles and three sacks, and he has at least a half a sack in each of the last four games. He'll be going up against Todd Wade, who has filled in admirably in Jon Jansen's absence. Wade has been as good at tackle as he was bad at guard during the preseason. Quarterback Jason Campbell has been sacked five times this season — better than 23 signal-callers in the league — and he wasn't sacked at all last week against the Lions.

X-Factors

→ Redskins WR Keenan McCardell

In his first game with the Redskins, McCardell, 37, showed he can still get open, catching two passes for 39 yards. Jason Campbell has proved he's willing to throw to a variety of receivers, and the fact that McCardell caught two passes shows he has a good rapport with the young quarterback. Don't expect him to go deep down the sideline — that's why the team has Santana Moss — but the savvy veteran should catch a couple of key first downs and help move the chains.



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→ Packers RB Vernand Morency

Rookie Brandon Jackson was not able to shoulder the load in the first three weeks of the season, rushing for just 97 yards on 38 carries. Morency's average yards per carry is better (45 yards on 10 carries plus 81 receiving yards on 10 receptions), but he still hasn't found the end zone. Still, he showed some speed last week against the Bears, breaking one run for 15 yards. Green Bay will want Morency to take some of that pressure off of Favre.

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When Simms Is In, United Wins

D.C. leads the Eastern Conference thanks to the dynamic midfielder

UNITED | For all the gaudy numbers associated with D.C. United this season—Jaime Moreno's 112 career goals, Luciano Emilio's league-leading 20, Troy Perkins' 1.07 GAA—the most impressive might be attached to unheralded defensive midfielder Clyde Simms: 11-1-4.

That's D.C.'s record when the three-year vet starts an MLS game. Over the past two seasons, it's an astounding 19-2-8 when Simms is in the first XI. "The one thing we do when Clyde's on the field is we win," coach Tom Soehn has said. It's no wonder then that he's been a fixture in the lineup since August.

"I was fortunate not to be spoiled with a lot of minutes early on," Simms said. "It's helped me to not take my time on the field for granted."

Undrafted, Simms started his pro career with second-division Richmond in 2004 but really caught D.C.'s eye the next year, when he was the only player retained after a U.S. national team camp composed of minor leaguers. He's been in and out of the lineup since, usually playing second fiddle to Brian Carroll. But Simms' growth this season now has him in the forefront.

"I attribute a lot of that to being on the team with B.C., the strong competition that we have day in and day out. We're making each other better," Simms said, adding that his improvement has come on two fronts — his willingness to be more physical with opponents and his ability to make more positive contributions with the ball.

"He's developed more confidence in playing the ball forward while maintaining the bite in his game," Soehn said.

Missing Moreno, and the suspended Bobby Boswell, United (16-6-6) will look to continue its 12-game unbeaten streak Saturday against Chicago (9-10-9). With Simms on the field, the odds look good. BRIAN STRAUS

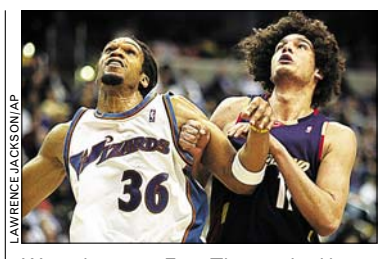
JONATHAN NEWTON / TWP
Clyde Simms elevated his game in 2007, and United is 11-1-4 when he plays.

Wizards Wait for Word on Thomas

WIZARDS | Washington Wizards center Etan Thomas underwent open-heart surgery Thursday at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota to repair a leak of the aortic valve, an irregularity discovered during a routine physical before the start of training camp.

The Wizards were expected to make a statement later Thursday, and the doctor and team president Ernie Grunfeld were expected to comment Friday.

"Hopefully, they can correct the problem," forward Antawn Jamison said. "We know how much he loves the game of basketball and what he means to this team, but the most important thing — you just hope that the surgery goes well." (AP)


LAWRENCE JACKSON/AP
Wizards center Etan Thomas had heart surgery on Thursday in Minnesota.

Best Bargain in Baseball

The Indians head to Boston to take on another giant payroll

BASEBALL PLAYOFFS | Along with a champagne-soaked celebration, there's something else the Indians will always cherish from their two-game visit to Yankee Stadium.

The silence.

"It's as satisfying as applause in any other place," general manager Mark Shapiro said.

Given little chance of upsetting the vaunted Yankees after going 0-6 against their big-payroll, pinstriped counterparts, the Indians left Wednesday for Boston and an ALCS matchup against the favored Red Sox.

CLEVELAND AT BOSTON

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Cleveland will be heavy underdogs again when the best-of-seven series opens Friday at Fenway Park. That's just fine with them.

"Who cares?" first baseman Ryan Garko said. "Once the game starts, it doesn't matter. We know Boston is a great team, but we hope beating the Yankees is just the beginning for us. We want to keep going."

While eliminating the Yankees in four games, the Indians played fundamental, clutch baseball. They got timely two-out hits and precision pitching and had just enough luck — who will ever forget the swarming bugs? — to advance to their first ALCS since 1998.

If the Indians are feeling any pressure just eight wins away from their first World Series title since 1948, they aren't showing it.

Though the Indians and Red Sox shared the best record (96-66) in baseball, there's another set of numbers that aren't nearly as close. Cleveland opened the season with a $62 million payroll. Boston's was $143 million.

With the Yankees getting bounced out of October on their fat, $195 million-plus wallets, there are three teams — Cleveland, Colorado ($54 million) and Arizona ($52 million) — near the bottom of baseball's payroll list with a chance of winning it all.

"Once you get on the field, payroll's not a factor," Shapiro said. "It's about two teams playing. It's more of an issue in the offseason.This is the first time in history with three teams in the bottom third of payroll.

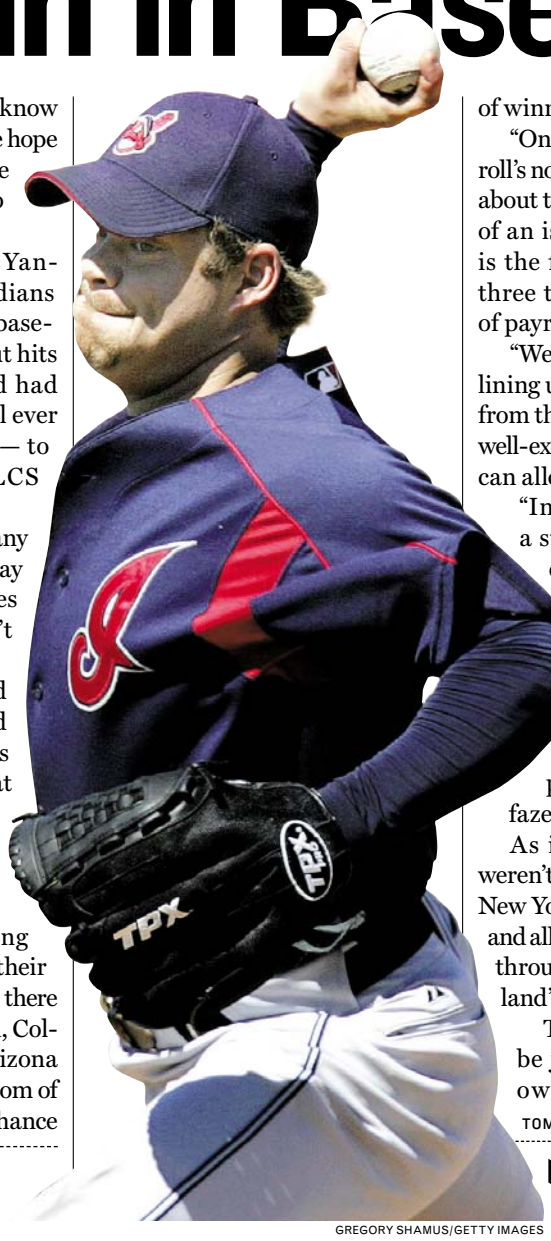
"We know it takes a lot of things lining up right, but a special effort from the entire organization and a well-executed plan across the board can allow it to happen."

"In Game 1, we really made a statement," Indians pitcher Paul Byrd said. "They pitched their ace and we hit him. Then in Game 2 it was almost like destiny when the bugs come out and almost eat their pitcher. Our guys weren't fazed by it."

As it turns out, the Indians weren't shaken by the big stage in New York, either. Yankee Stadium and all its ghosts have rattled teams throughout the years, but Cleveland's cast was cool as can be.

The Indians will need to be just as calm in the shadow of the Green Monster.

TOM WITHERS (AP)



Paul Byrd and the Tribe have had nerves of steel in the playoffs.

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Late game: Game I of the NLCS ended after Express' deadline. **Today's Post, Sports**

PITCHING MATCHUPS

C.C. Sabathia

- Throws: Left
- Fastball: High 90s
- Best Pitch: Fastball

YEAR	IP	ERA	W	L	H	ER	BB	SO
'07 AL	241.0	3.21	19	7	238	86	37	209
'06 AL	192.2	3.22	12	11	182	69	44	172

Josh Beckett

- Throws: Right
- Fastball: Mid 90s
- Best Pitch: Curveball

YEAR	IP	ERA	W	L	H	ER	BB	SO
'07 AL	200.2	3.27	20	7	189	73	40	194
'06 AL	204.2	5.01	16	11	191	114	74	158

GAME 1 Both are in contention for the Cy Young. But Sabathia did take the better part of three innings to really settle in against the Yankees, while Beckett, with the movement on his fastball, has never looked better in the postseason — and that's saying something.

GAME 2

Fausto Carmona vs. Curt Schilling

The 23-year-old Carmona has been the right hook in Cleveland's 1-2 pitching punch all season. Meanwhile, the Sox will turn to trusted veteran Curt Schilling, 40, instead of MLB rookie Daisuke Matsuzaka in Game 2.

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REDSKINS (PLUS 3) AT PACKERS	**PACKERS** Green Bay's defense is a lot better than Detroit's. Redskins lose by a touchdown.	**REDSKINS** If the pass defense could shut down the Lions, why not the Packers?	**PACKERS** Favre is too smart and experienced to allow the Redskins' pass rush to affect him.	**PACKERS** Sorry, Redskins Nation, but Green Bay will bounce back after an embarrassing loss.
RAMS (PLUS 9.5) AT RAVENS	**RAMS** Baltimore scored just nine points in its win last weekend.	**RAMS** A 9-7 score won't cut it against a 9.5 point spread.	**RAMS** The Ravens' offense is just not explosive enough. They will win, but not in a blowout.	**RAVENS** Even the Ravens' anemic offense should come to life against the winless Rams.
PATRIOTS (MINUS 4.5) AT COWBOYS	**PATRIOTS** A dope in this spot picked against the Pats two weeks ago. It won't happen again.	**PATRIOTS** It's two undefeated teams, sure. But I don't see how this game is even close.	**PATRIOTS** The Pats are just too good, even against the best in the NFC.	**PATRIOTS** I was leaning toward Dallas, until I saw Tony Romo on "Monday Night Football."
PANTHERS (PLUS 4) AT CARDINALS	**CARDINALS** Kurt Warner beats David Carr in the battle of the backup quarterbacks.	**CARDINALS** Don't look now, but the Cardinals are — how should I put this? — decent.	**CARDINALS** I still like the Cards' downfield passing game with Warner at the helm.	**CARDINALS** Without Jake Delhomme at QB, the Panthers are going nowhere fast.
EAGLES (MINUS 3) AT JETS	**EAGLES** As long as Brian Westbrook plays, the Eagles should be fine.	**EAGLES** We don't know which Eagles team will show up, but we know the Jets will be bad.	**EAGLES** Coming off a bye at 1-3, they have to win. And the Jets' defense is 28th in the NFL.	**EAGLES** The Eagles are 8-0 under head coach Andy Reid following the bye week.
TITANS (PLUS 3) AT BUCCANEERS	**TITANS** Never, ever pick against Vince Young. Got it?	**TITANS** I'll take mediocre AFC over mediocre NFC just about any day of the week.	**BUCCANEERS** Two QBs who don't blow you away with numbers; they just win.	**BUCCANEERS** The Bucs will win at home on the strength of the Garcia-to-Galloway connection.

SEASON TALLY | Matt Swenson: 12-11-2; Ian Herbert: 12-11-2; Celebrities: 12-11-2; Dave Goldberg: 13-10-2; Leader: Mark Plotkin (4-1)

The Next to Jump

If Missouri can pull out a win at Oklahoma, the Tigers can dream big

COLLEGE PICKS | There have been some unfamiliar names residing in the top 10 this season. Boston College, South Carolina and Kentucky have reached heights they haven't in years — and South Florida's never been here before.

Missouri could be next to make a big jump.

The 11th-ranked Tigers play at Oklahoma on Saturday, looking for their second straight 6-0 start. Beat the Sooners and Missouri can start thinking even bigger than Big 12 championships. The picks:

➜ **NO. 1 LSU** (MINUS 9 1/2) at **NO. 17 KENTUCKY.** The Tigers' last trip to Lexington was the Blue Grass Miracle of '02 ... **KENTUCKY, 28-26.**

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Missouri players celebrate during their 41-6 win over Nebraska on Saturday.

➜ **NO. 4 BOSTON COLLEGE** (MINUS 13 1/2) at **NOTRE DAME.** The Eagles have won four straight against the Irish ... **BOSTON COLLEGE, 31-14.**

➜ **NO. 11 MISSOURI** (PLUS 10) at **NO. 6 OKLAHOMA.** The Sooners have won 16 of the last 17 against the Tigers ... **OKLAHOMA, 45-24.**

➜ **LOUISVILLE** (PLUS 10 1/2) at **NO. 15 CINCINNATI.** The Cardinals have won four straight in battle for the Keg of Nails ... **CINCINNATI, 40-37.**

➜ **NO. 18 ILLINOIS** (MINUS 3 1/2) at **IOWA.** The Illini have lost four straight in series ... **IOWA, 20-19.**

➜ **NO. 19 WISCONSIN** (PLUS 6 1/2) at **PENN STATE.** The Badgers are 6-4 all-time against the Nittany Lions in Big Ten play ... **WISCONSIN, 28-24.**

➜ **NO. 22 AUBURN** (PLUS 3) at **ARKANSAS.** The Tigers' three-game winning streak against the Hogs was snapped last year ... **ARKANSAS, 28-26.**

RALPH D. RUSSO (AP)

Swengali

CAPITALS | BY MATT SWENSON, MATT.SWENSON@READEXPRESS.COM

The Caps Look Good Right Now

THE CAPITALS should have changed their uniforms years ago.

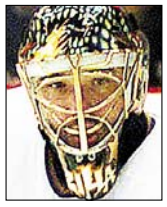
Way back when — in the 1980s (some of you might even remember that decade) — the Caps wore the red, white and blue uniforms proudly and made the playoffs consistently.

If not for some off-rink indiscretions that led to some ill-fated trades, Washington might even have a Stanley Cup championship banner hanging in the rafters.

True, the team did make the NHL finals sporting the black and white look, but the raven color seemed all too appropriate during the recent dark period.

Now that the team is back in its original colors, we are looking at the vintage Capitals. Jump on that Zamboni before it's too late, because undefeated Washington — enjoy saying that while you can — appears to be a playoff team.

Perhaps we're jumping the gun, but why not? All five teams that started 3-0 last season made the playoffs.



Kolzig

More importantly, Washington has won a game with 40 shots and another with a paltry 12. The penalty kill has yet to yield to a goal, and goaltender Olie Kolzig has stopped all but one shot.

It's all because of the uniforms, too — and maybe a little of GM George McPhee's rebuilding plan.

It's nice to see a team resembling the old-school Caps, in more ways than one, on the ice once again.

Caps' Jump-Start

Washington proves it can win games, but it's still a long season

CAPITALS | "We still have a lot of work to do," coach Glen Hanlon said following the Washington Capitals' home opener last weekend, when the club won its second of three straight games. He's right — six months and 79 games remain.

But considering how much was riding on the club's offseason moves, as well as the confidence displayed both on the ice and in the locker room, the season-opening streak may well turn out to be a lot more significant than three wins.

"We're not the team that's dumping it in and chasing it all night long," captain Chris Clark said of the "new" 3-0-0 Capitals. "We're making plays instead of just throwing it at the net. That added confidence of winning games and knowing we can do it, it's a big step for us."

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Michael Nylander celebrates a goal by one of his teammates on Monday.

There certainly was more optimism heading into this season than the past two, but there was no way to know how three significant free agent signings, the addition of rookie center Nicklas Backstrom and an extra year of experience for the Caps' young core would affect results.

But the effect has been noticeable heading into Friday's game at the Rangers (1-2-0). Washington has been dominant at times, especially during stretches of the first two games. And the team has won despite a power play that has yet to click (2-for-17), an ankle injury to Alexander Semin and just one goal from Alex Ovechkin.

"I think the guys understand that it's their time, and we made some investment in the offseason. I think the plan is coming together," owner Ted Leonsis said. "I think the town wants a winner. The city wants to jump on a bandwagon with a team that does well." BRIAN STRAUS

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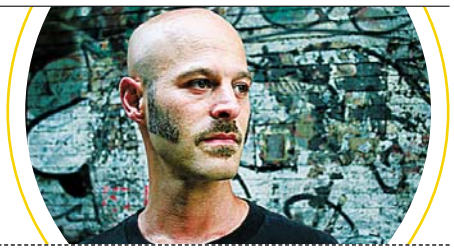

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DEVIL'S ADVOCATE: George Clooney is a strung-out "keeper of secret sins" at a New York law firm in "Michael Clayton."

Verdict: Brilliant

Legal thriller 'Michael Clayton' showcases superb filmmaking

FILM | After what must seem like a lifetime of writing screenplays for other people to direct, Tony Gilroy has come out from behind the curtain. With the George Clooney-starring "Michael Clayton," he's not only saved his best script for himself, but he's also turned out a smart and suspenseful legal thriller that comes completely alive on screen.

Watching this film makes you feel that Gilroy, best known for writing credits on all three "Bourne" films, has poured the energy pent up during a decade and a half in Hollywood into this strong and confident directorial debut about desperate men searching for redemption in a cold and ruthless world.

In "Michael Clayton," Gilroy's been helped by an excellent cast that relishes the script's texture, starting with Clooney as the titular character, "the keeper of the secret sins" for the "vast and powerful" New York law firm of Kenner, Bach & Leeden.

Expertly supporting Clooney is Tom Wilkinson as the organization's ace litigator, a man who is at once Clayton's close friend and biggest crisis. Then there's Tilda Swinton as the in-house attorney for an agrichemical giant called U/North that is involved in a multi-billion-dollar class-action suit, with Wilkinson's character working with her as the lead attorney.

Issues such as corporate malfeasance lurk around the edges of "Michael Clayton," along with themes of moral responsibility, conscience and regeneration. Rather than making the film unwieldy, they add a welcome hint of substance to what is at heart a crackerjack tale of suspicion and anxiety, a film that understands the secret pleasures of showing how the powerful operate when they think no one is looking.

Michael Clayton has been at home in that world for 17 years, taking pride in his role as the guy you call when calls need to be made, who sardonically views himself as "a janitor: the smaller the mess, the easier it is for me to clean up." Filmmaker Gilroy has said he's "interested in the guy who's the best at something," and when it comes to New York fixers, Clayton is the man.

But being the man has taken its toll, and when we meet Clayton he is a beaten-down soul, a Willie Loman who's wondering what it all means. He couldn't be more different, frankly, from glib, self-satisfied Danny Ocean. But Clooney, who apparently was genuinely exhausted when shooting began, handles the transition beautifully and uses a quiet form of charisma to get his story across. KENNETH TURAN (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

Hollow Film in a Fancy Dress

'Elizabeth' has ornate costumes but lacks substance and depth

FILM | "Elizabeth: The Golden Age" is essentially a Paris couture fashion show with some historical names and details tossed in as a feeble attempt at significance.

Seriously, it's not an exaggeration to say that the entire movie consists of Cate Blanchett trying on various ornate, richly hued dresses with increasingly intricate wigs and headdresses, until one day when the Spanish armada shows up.

Blanchett being Blanchett, she finds some opportunities for subtle, deliciously regal condescension as she returns to the role of Queen Elizabeth I, which turned her into a star and earned her an Academy Award nomination nearly a decade ago. But more often she vamps it up mightily under the over-the-top direction of Shekhar Kapur, who also made 1998's "Elizabeth."

LAURIE SPARHAM/AP

Cate Blanchett's wigs steal the show in "Elizabeth: The Golden Age."

Despite its lofty aspirations and late 16th-century setting, this one belongs with "Showgirls" in the high-camp section of your local video store. Clive Owen wears puffy shirts and dangles from a pirate ship as the devilishly handsome and flirty Sir Walter Raleigh, while Geoffrey Rush returns from the first film and is sadly squandered as Elizabeth's right-hand man, who manages to remain at the center of international intrigue even though he's barely around. CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)

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BROTHERLY LOVE: Mark Wahlberg and Joaquin Phoenix in "We Own the Night."

In the Name Of the Law

Brothers are divided by notions of justice in 'We Own the Night'

FILM | In James Gray's "The Yards," Mark Wahlberg played an ex-con drawn back into crime by buddy Joaquin Phoenix.

In writer-director Gray's "We Own the Night," Phoenix is a club manager with shady associates who's coaxed toward the right side of the law by his cop-brother Wahlberg.

You can't quite say Gray is repeating himself, but close enough.

Like "The Yards," "We Own the Night" is broody to the point of anesthesia and operatic to the verge of bombast. And like its predecessor, the new film takes itself far too seriously.

It's such a cliché to say the acting salvages the movie somewhat, but it's true here. Wahlberg is gruffly earnest in a more sober variation of the acerbic detective he played in last year's "The Departed," while the normally stoic Phoenix gets to show some range — explosive anger, wilting fear — this time around.

And even when Robert Duvall phones a role in, as he does in "We Own the Night" as Wahlberg and Phoenix's father, he elevates the story.

Set in New York in the late 1980s, the movie centers on a night spot managed by Bobby Green (Phoenix), a black sheep brother who uses his mother's maiden name so his associates won't know he comes from a family of policemen.

His brother, police Capt. Joseph Grusinsky (Wahlberg), and their dad (Duvall), a veteran lawman, try to enlist Bobby to keep an eye on a Russian crook suspected of operating his drug business out of the club.

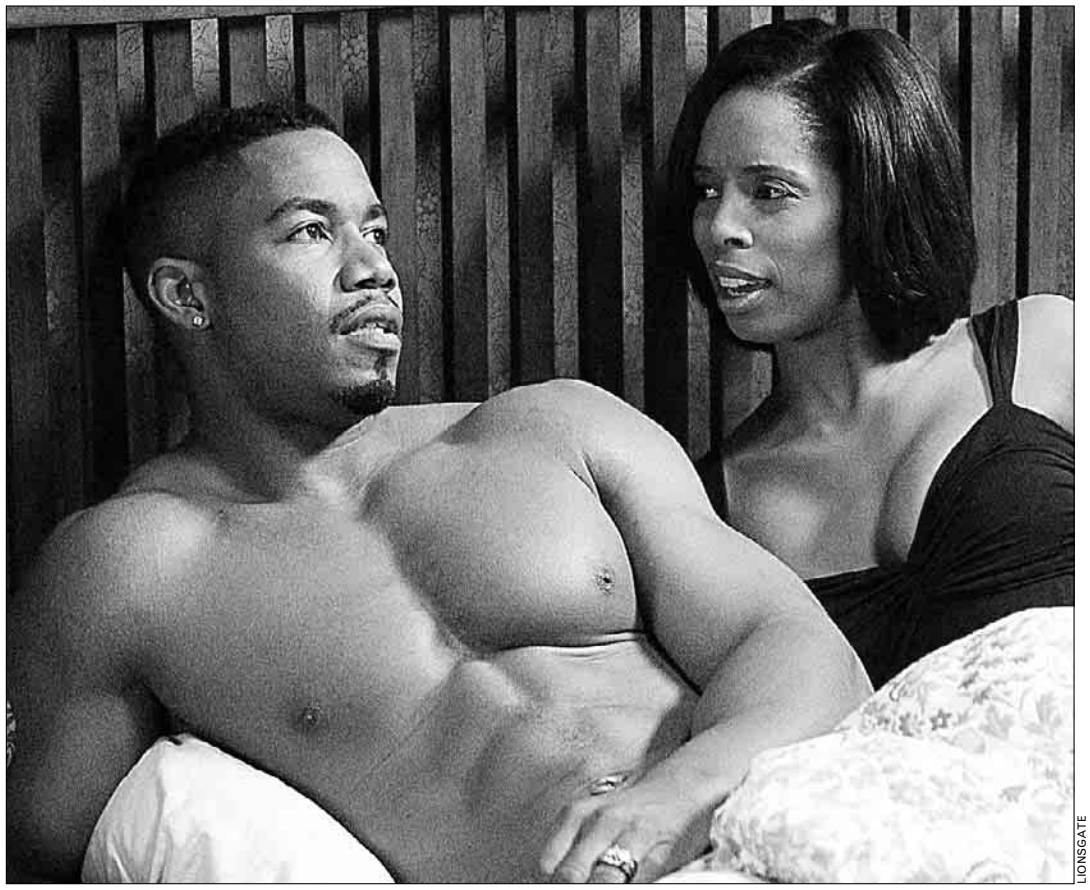
Bobby huffily refuses, circumstance and bad guys intervene, and before you can say "to protect and serve," the prodigal son finds himself forced to choose between crime and justice.

Eva Mendes is tossed in as Bobby's girlfriend so he has something more than just his own skin to worry about.

Parts of the story strain plausibility as both police and thugs behave with extreme brainlessness. Why is it that movie cops never manage to protect people in witness protection? Why are mobster assassins able to shoot non-speaking extras in the head with pinpoint accuracy but miss the people they set out to kill?

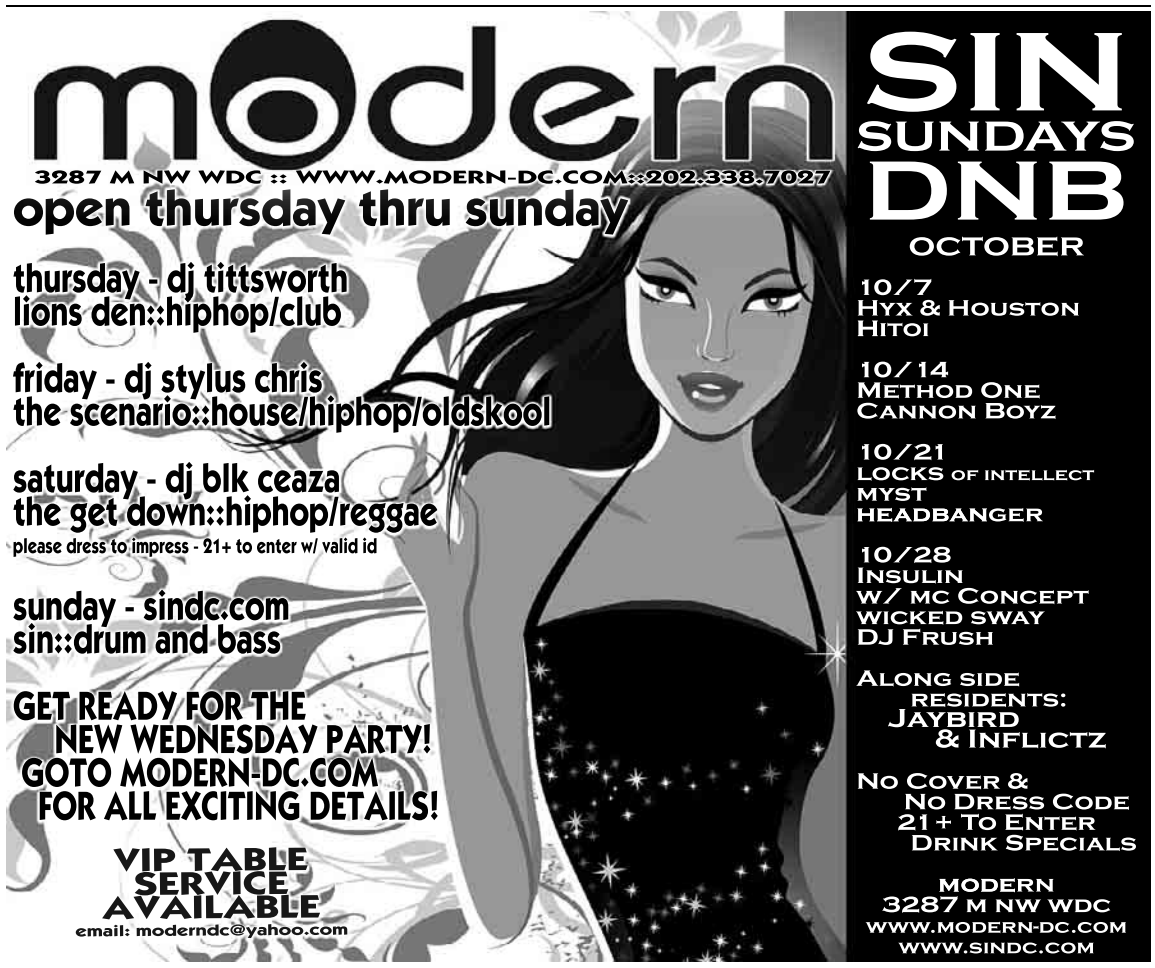
It's also absurd to think that Bobby's use of his mom's last name would prevent the major Russian outlaws surrounding him from discovering his law-enforcement lineage. Even in the pre-Google age, these guys can't be that ill-informed. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

FILM | TROUBLE IN PARADISE



LIONSGATE

IN "TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED?" (PG), a tight-knit group of African-American couples finds the bonds of matrimony tested in this relationship drama from the prolific writer-director Perry ("Diary of a Mad Black Woman"). The film features Perry, Sharon Leal, Janet Jackson, Malik Yoba and Jill Scott. (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



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Nightlife Agenda

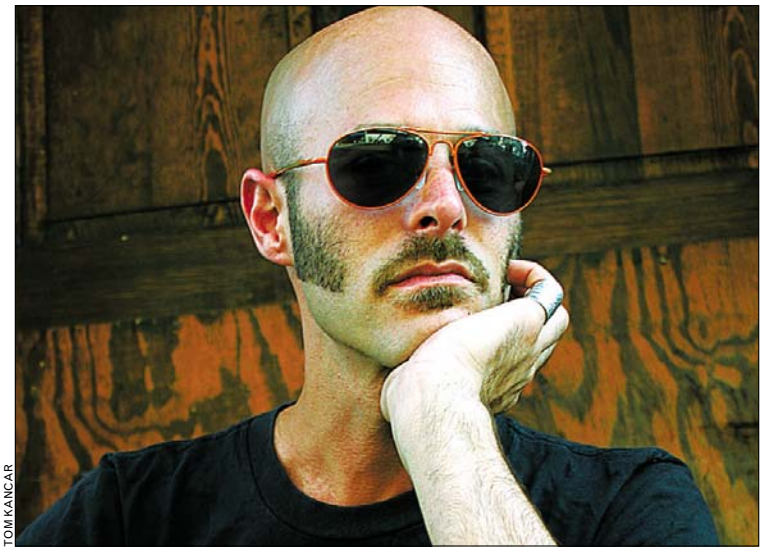
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

DAM! Festival Pick of the Night: Both shows Friday night feature some promising bands. At **THE ROCK AND ROLL HOTEL,** there's genre-defying Cleveland weirdos Dragon of Zynth along with extremely tuneful locals the Beanstalk Library. At **THE RED & THE BLACK,** peppy popsters Hallelujah the Hills and the Subjects should get people bouncing up and down. But we're psyched for the after-party at the Hotel, which is dubbed We Fought the Hej. It's a combination of two of the city's best indie DJ nights, the Scandinavian pop-flavored Hej Hej and obscuro-post-punk spinnin' We Fought the Big One. We're not sure what the setup will be, but we'll assume that DJs Natalya and Trickster will trade off sets. It might be a bit jarring to keep switching back and forth between Acid House Kings, the Birthday Party, Love Is All and the Teardrop Explodes. Admission is free.

SATURDAY

DAM! Festival Pick of the Night: Even though Shudder to Think released three albums on Dischord, the band never really fit into the D.C. scene of the '90s. Or any scene, really. Lead singer Craig Wedren's falsetto vocals combined with some glam-rock tendencies ruled out fandom from the post-hardcore crowd, and they never really made it with the slacker crowd, either. STT had its share of devoted fans, though, and one of them happens to be DAM! Festival booker Eric Boucher, who made it his mission this year to get the now-solo Wedren to perform. He succeeded, and Wedren will bring the rock to **THE ROCK AND ROLL HOTEL,** headlining Saturday's bill with a full band in tow. Openers are Leeds, U.K. atmospheric rockers iLIKETRAINS, local indie-rock mainstays Metropolitan, and progy, all-over-the place New Yorkers Time of Orchids.



TOM KANCAR

DAM! GOOD MUSIC: Craig Wedren is solo at the Rock and Roll Hotel on Saturday.

Buzz has gotten a lot of press with its reopening, but Glow, the trance-heavy night at **IBIZA,** which has also undertaken an aggressive booking strategy, reminds fans of electronic dance music that there's more than one game in town. Tonight, for example, Dutch DJ Sander Kleinenberg is bringing his multimedia show to D.C. Though he's known for spinning crowd-pleasing progressive house at five-star clubs like Pacha, Space, Crobar and the Ministry of Sound, Kleinenberg was an early adopter of the DVD-DJ decks, which let the DJ mix the visuals as well as the sound.

SUNDAY

Local quartet the Alphabetical Order sounds like it's having fun on its new album, "I Am Magically Happening!" Not in a campy, over-the-top way, but in the way that it should sound when four people are making music that they are excited about. And the band should be excited about its full-length debut, an impressive collection of songs that looks fondly back at the '90s — both locally and nationally — without feeling like a mere tribute. Most songs have weird little twists and turns but manage to retain subtle pop charms. To celebrate the release of the new album, the band is selling it for $5 tonight at **THE BLACK CAT'S** backstage.

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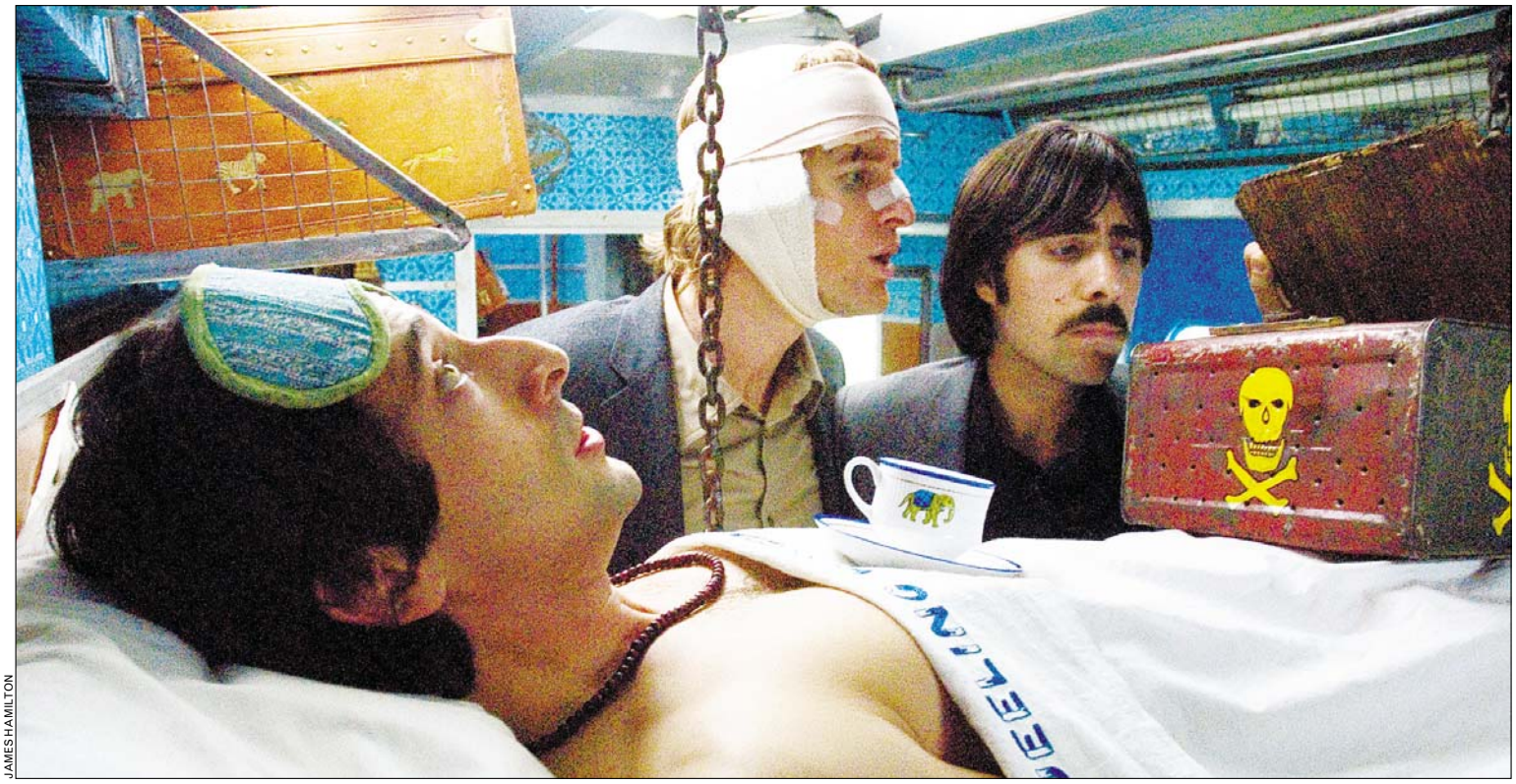
ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG-13, 133 minutes) In this movie, Julie Taymor — the creative genius behind Broadway's "The Lion King," the visionary director of "Frida" and "Titus" — has shoehorned, contorted and otherwise bullied some of the Beatles' greatest hits into a vapid Hollywood musical; it's the kind of project that must have looked great on paper, but on-screen, not so much. Evan Rachel Wood plays Lucy, an innocent high school kid in the early 1960s; Jim Sturgess plays Jude, a Liverpool lad who has just arrived in America and has befriended Lucy's brother, Max (Joe Anderson). They three friends wind up in Greenwich Village at the height of the era's cultural and political upheaval, occasionally breaking into song. (AH)

THE ASSASSINATION OF JESSE JAMES BY THE COWARD ROBERT FORD (R, 160 minutes) This film opens late in Jesse's days as he prepares for a big train job. The Jesse we find lounging in the thin Missouri woods has, like many a gunman, good or bad, in his dotage (he's a weary 34!) become extremely paranoid. As this old and twisted Jesse, Brad Pitt is quite good, even if it seems more like a selection of ticks and mannerisms than a performance. But the movie really belongs to Casey Affleck as Robert Ford. Affleck has a gift for playing mealy mouthed marginals. It turns out Bob is sort of a groupie, a Jesse worshiper. But like any star-worshiper, he learns his idol is human and that he can never become such a man; this inevitably turns such a fellow against his god, and so it is Bob begins secret negotiations with the authorities to bring down the big guy. That's when the film is at its best, that last slide toward the fatal shot before which, for a time, Jesse and Bob try to read each other's minds and figure out what the other knows. (SH)



JAMES HAMILTON

UNLIMITED ODDITIES: Adrien Brody, Owen Wilson and Jason Schwartzman are a quirky, troubled trio of brothers in Wes Anderson's "The Darjeeling Limited."

THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM (PG-13, 110 minutes) This is not a movie, it's a trip through a gun barrel at the head of a cloud of exploding gas, and you end up splattered against a wall, then sliding into the dust with the sound of the drums ringing in your head for hours. The third in the series of films derived from novels by the late Robert Ludlum starring Matt Damon, it is the second to be directed by Paul Greengrass, the brilliant Brit who, like everybody affiliated with the project, is much too good for it. Other luminaries whose careers will be tarnished by

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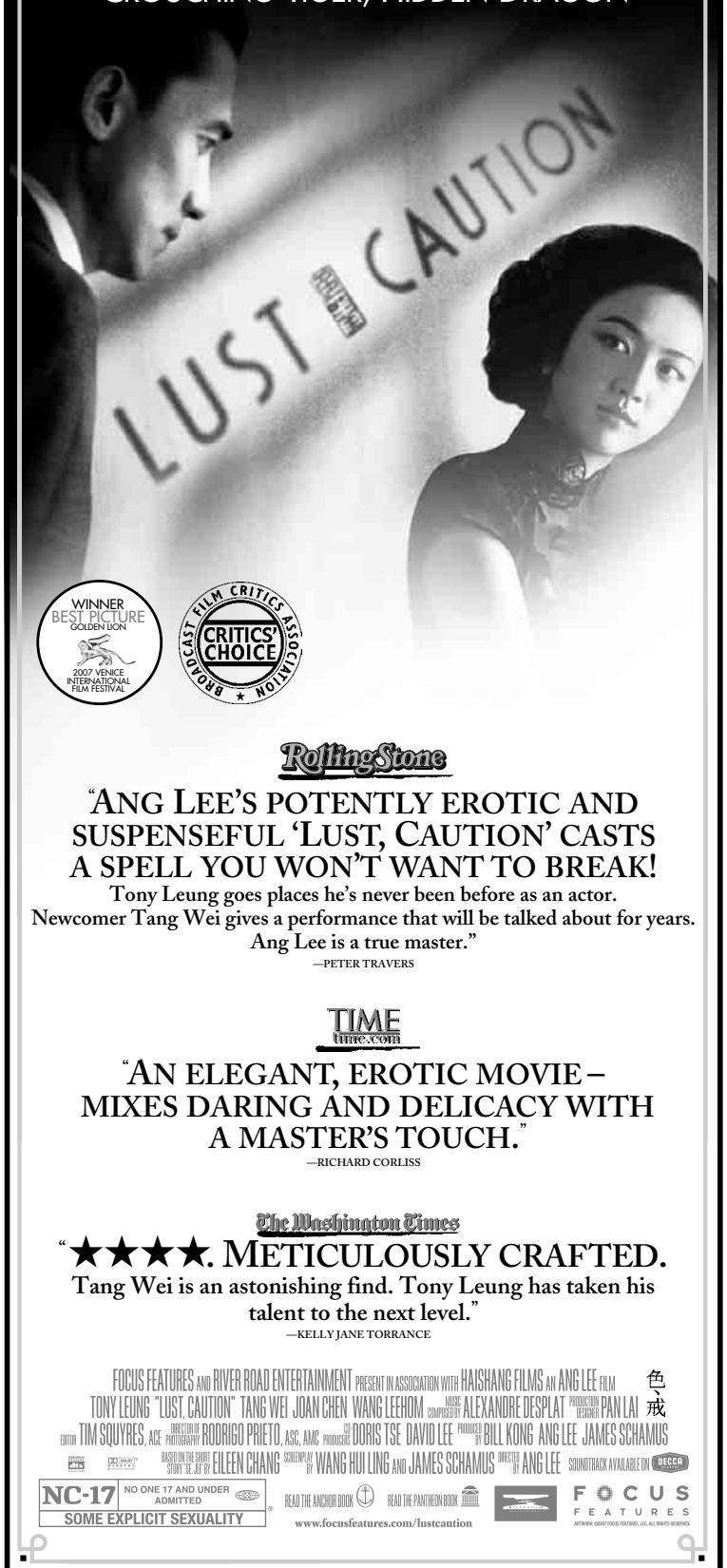

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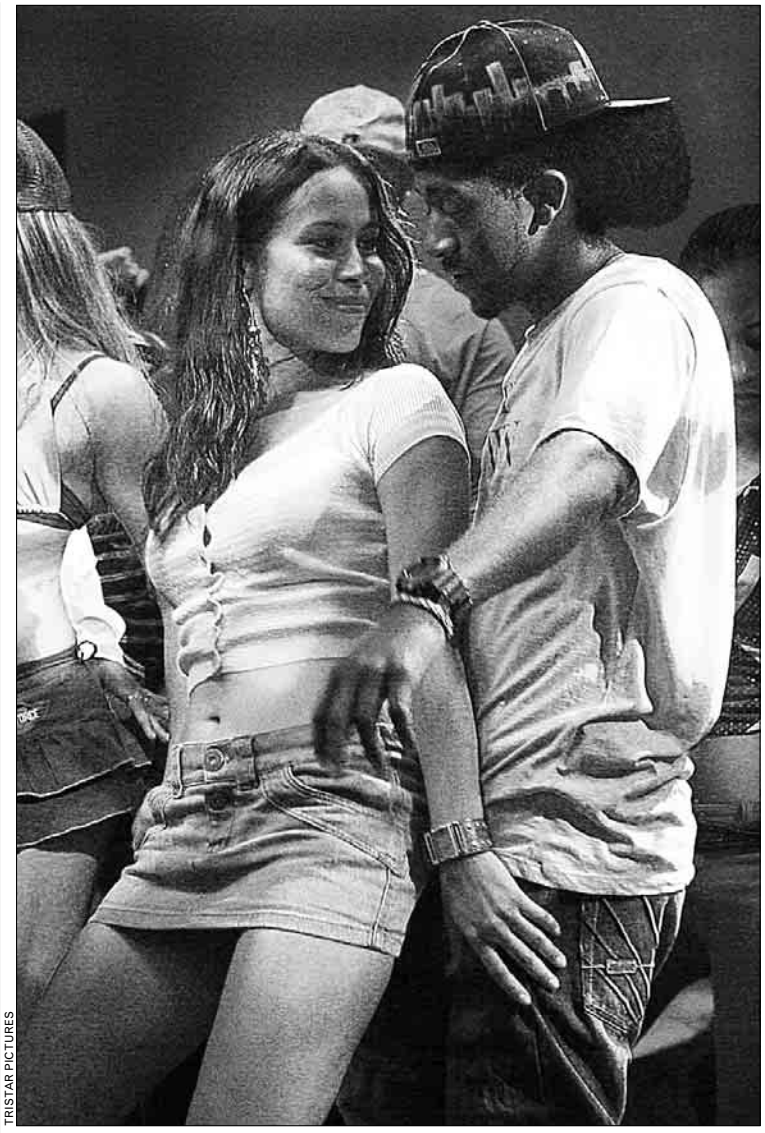
this express train without destination include Damon himself, grown grave and tragic in his mid-30s, Julia Stiles, Joan Allen, David Strathairn and Scott Glenn. It's frenetic to the point of crazy while achieving a mark that barely exceeds mediocre. (SH)

THE BRAVE ONE (R, 115 minutes) Jodie Foster plays Erica Bain, a Manhattan radio producer and persona. She who, with her fiance, is mugged, shown in hellacious and gut-wrenching detail. Her fiance is killed, and shattered, Erica begins a slow recovery. The movie is exquisite at capturing the hyper-sensitivity of the damaged and bereaved, particularly as it encounters the very system that failed it. For a time, the film feels like the fabled "Taxi Driver," with Foster in the Robert De Niro role. Eventually she becomes a hunter, and like Charles Bronson in the similarly themed but far cruder "Death Wish," she seeks the bad, the badder and the baddest. You may hate yourself for yielding to the expertise of the manipulation, but the vicarious thrill of this movie is the sense of pulling your own trigger on pure evil and watching the bullet tear through. Watch yourself, or you'll be cheering at the last, best shot. (SH)

THE DARJEELING LIMITED (R, 91 minutes) Writer-director Wes Anderson has carved out a niche as American cinema's most eccentric, lyrical poet of family dysfunction. He's at it again in this film about three brothers searching for spiritual meaning in India. Jason Schwartzman, Adrien Brody and Owen Wilson play Jack, Peter and Francis Whitman, respectively, who haven't seen one another since their father's funeral a year earlier. Francis has organized a train trip through India to rebond. Against the extravagant backdrop of India's deeply saturated palette and densely woven textures, the Whitmans try to find themselves — and one another — in a series of alternately wry and wrenching encounters. The movie isn't deep; its fey humor and obvious metaphors will surely provide ample fodder for Anderson's detractors. But it has its charms, chief of which is watching three terrific actors evince with unforced ease the rewards and resentments of brotherhood. (AH)

EASTERN PROMISES (R, 100 minutes) Naomi Watts plays Anna Khitrova, a midwife who works in a London hospital. When a newborn girl and a Russian-language diary come into her possession, she's determined to do right by the baby. But her routine diligence turns into a dangerous ordeal when she meets Semyon (Armin Mueller-Stahl), a Russian restaurant proprietor who seems unusually motivated to translate, and keep, that diary. After run-ins with Semyon's sidekicks, his son, Kirill (Vincent Cassel), and Nikolai (Viggo Mortensen), his driver, Anna realizes she's dealing with a criminal enterprise. The movie has elements of murder mystery and gangster melodrama, but in director David Cronenberg's hands, it's a search for moral bearing in a dark and desperate world. That moral struggle isn't just between Anna and the Russian mobsters; it's within the dawning conscience of Nikolai, a mystery character who becomes the dark horse winner of the story. (DT)



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A J. LO PRODUCTION: Zulay Henao and Omarion Grandberry in "Feel the Noise."

FEAST OF LOVE (R, 102 minutes) Assorted couples break apart and re-form in this drama that's a bit too earnest and tidy. It begins with troubled philosophy professor Harry Stevenson (Morgan Freeman) unable to sleep and going for a walk at 2:25 a.m. He passes a softball field and remembers what happened there 18 months before. That's when Kathryn (Selma Blair) fell for Jenny (Stana Katic) and left her cluelessly innocent husband, Bradley (Greg Kinnear). Bradley owns a coffee shop where Oscar (Toby Hemingway) works as a caffeine jockey. Oscar falls for the comely Chloe (Alexa Davalos), and Bradley falls for Diana (Radha Mitchell), who's having an affair with married David (Billy Burke). It all circles back to Harry and his wife, Esther (Jane Alexander), and the secret in their past. (MM)

FEEL THE NOISE (PG-13, 86 minutes) When his mother spirits him out of Harlem to escape gang violence, Rob (Omarion Grandberry) finds himself in Puerto Rico, meeting the father (Giancarlo Esposito) he never knew he had. While there, he becomes friendly with Javi (Victor Rasuk), a newfound stepbrother and aspiring musician, and the good-hearted Marivi (Rosa Arredondo), a young woman who seeks a life as a dancer and friendship with Rob. They return to New York City with powerful ambitions to make it in the world of music and drama. Unfortunately, the movie, directed by Alejandro Chomski and produced by Jennifer Lopez, has a

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mind-numbingly predictable outcome. But it does show us an appealing harmony between people of Puerto Rican and African heritage and familiarizes audiences with the pulsating appeal of reggaeton (a form of music that, essentially, is rap with Latino sensibilities). (DT)

THE GAME PLAN (PG, 110 minutes) This movie, featuring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson as star quarterback Joe Kingman, follows familiar formulas and characters but is brightened by a bit of wit and good performances. Kingman has such a swollen ego that he tries to be a one-man team. He has turned his ultra-cool bachelor pad into a shrine to himself and the other King, Elvis. Then, just as his team is entering the playoffs, 8-year-old Peyton Kelly (Madison Pettis) arrives on his doorstep, claiming to be the daughter he never knew he had. Will Joe learn to be a team player and a good dad? Will his bulldog wind up in a pink tutu? The story includes one or two too many life lessons, but the Rock and Pettis work well together, and it turns out he can actually deliver a sweet version of "Are You Lonesome Tonight?" (MM)

GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R, 99 minutes) In this odd amalgam of cheesy romance and gross-out humor, Dane Cook plays an eternally frustrated boyfriend who feels cursed by a permanent love jinx. (Some Goth girl in grade school cursed him to be forever "the other guy" who never gets the girl, after he refused to yield to her sexual demands.) That hex seems to continue in his early adult years: Whoever sleeps with him, it seems, goes on to marry Mr. Right. This doesn't sit well with Chuck, who seeks a permanent girlfriend, especially when he meets the gorgeous but klutzy Cam (Jessica Alba). The movie spares no effort to reach out to the crudest, youngest audiences it can, and it's hard to fathom the reasons Cook made it. Does he want to become a sort of second-rate Adam Sandler attracting teenagers who giggle like Beavis and Butt-

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BREAKFAST OF ENEMIES: Casey Affleck and Brad Pitt face off in "The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford."

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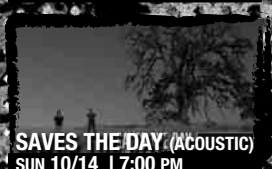

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head at shots of naked women and disgusting jokes about sex? (DT)

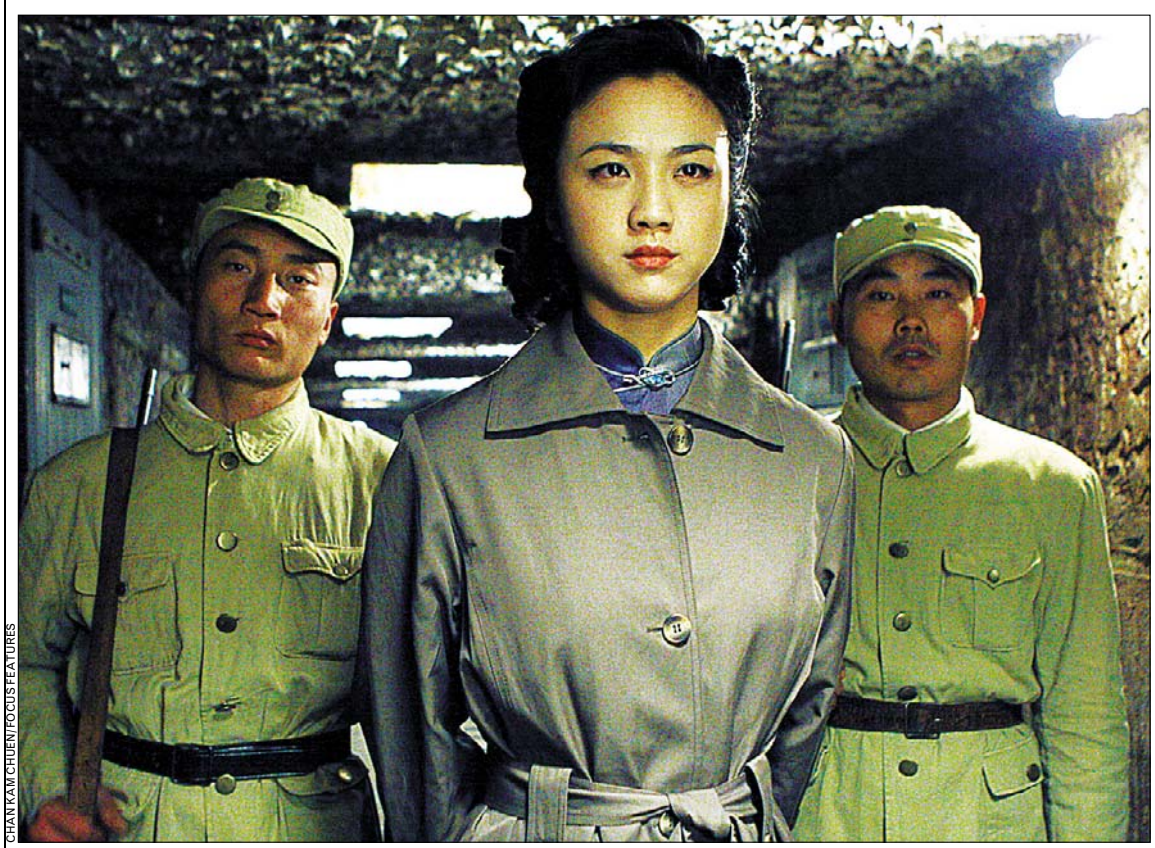
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R, 116 minutes) In this highly respun remake of Elaine May's 1972 comedy, Eddie Cantrow (Ben Stiller) is on his honeymoon in Mexico with Lila (Malin Akerman) when he realizes he has made a terrible mistake. Lila is too much of everything, from her enthusiasm for Olympian sex to her almost limitless klutziness and stupidity. Essentially, Bobby and Peter Farrelly use the source material as a launching point for their own brand of R-rated — make that very R-rated — low jinks. You don't walk into the Farrellys' movies looking for subtlety, poignancy and all those things French movie characters do. But you can expect to fall about, snort and hoot, at times hard enough to hurt inner body parts that only doctors can identify. What makes this funnier than mere crafted crudity is the way they stretch to the breaking point the familiarities, taboos and embarrassing situations of life. We are as horrified, mortified and shocked as we are amused. (DT)

IN THE VALLEY OF ELAH (R, 121 minutes) Tommy Lee Jones plays Hank Deerfield, a retired military police officer who learns that his son, having survived a year of combat in Iraq and returned with his unit to Fort Rudd, N.M., has disappeared. It doesn't feel right to Hank, and so off he goes across the Southwest to the fort where his son was last seen. Along the way he bonds with a young civilian police detective, Emily Sanders (Charlize Theron), and when he can't convince the military authorities that something is amiss, he goes to her to push the investigation forward. The movie works best as what might be called a human-scale thriller, but it misses the mark. Like many of the current antiwar films, this movie strives to lay the crime it uncovers at the feet of a government that would send 200,000 boys off to a certain place at a certain time to do violence in the name of certain principles. But the crime it uncovers is generic. (SH)

INTO THE WILD (R, 140 minutes) Sean Penn sings a powerful and poetic hymn to America with his sweeping, sensitive and deeply affecting adaptation of Jon Krakauer's best-selling book. Penn, who wrote and directed the screen version, has preserved the book's most iconic, even mystical, values while carefully whittling away Krakauer's multi-layered narrative to focus on its confounding protagonist: Chris McCandless, the 23-year-old who embarked on a 113-day sojourn in the Alaska backcountry that ended in his death. Emile Hirsch plays McCandless, putting himself through the kind of punishing physical challenges and transformations Robert De Niro has made famous. The film is far more than the story of an idealistic, doomed young man and instead turns into a portrait of an alternative America, that scruffy, feisty frontier populated by outlaws and vagabonds and spiritual seekers. It's a big, beautiful picture, all the more so for inviting everyone, regardless of political position or philosophical bent, to see themselves. (AH)

THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB (PG-13, 106 minutes) Based on Karen Joy Fowler's novel of the same title, this movie follows five women (and a man one of them drags along) as they make their way through Jane Austen's six novels, their own lives taking on resemblances to the author's heady plots. Kathy Baker, Amy Brenneman and Maggie Grace are each terrific in their respective roles, but it's Maria Bello and Emily Blunt who steal the show. Everyone is given their due and dignity in this funny, sexy, humanist film that, if it is a chick flick, gives the genre a good name. (AH)

THE KINGDOM (R, 111 minutes) One electrifying performance becomes the only saving grace of this goofy action movie that tries to marry the blitzkrieg entertainment of "Rambo" to the cultural consciousness of "Syriana." That acting turn comes from Middle Eastern actor Ashraf Barhom, who plays a sympathetic Saudi Arabian police officer caught between two incompatible cultures. When a terrorist bombing takes the lives of 200 American oil workers, their families and Saudi locals at an American compound in his country, he is forced to babysit four American FBI agents — played by Jamie Foxx, Jennifer Garner,



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HOT AND HEAVY: Ang Lee's "Lust, Caution" chronicles love and turmoil in Japanese-occupied Shanghai of the 1940s.

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Chris Cooper and Jason Bateman — who have come over to investigate. As Col. Faris Al Ghazi (Barhom) and the Americans chafe in their observational corners, they hit upon a plan to outwit the royals and take charge of the case. Barhom, as Faris, is 100 percent seduction, but what reaches us most powerfully is his spiritual intensity, as he negotiates a politically impossible situation -- and one nutty film. (DT)

LUST, CAUTION (NC-17, 158 minutes) This film by director Ang Lee is set in Japanese-occupied Shanghai of the 1940s. Mr. Yee (Tony Leung) is the debonair but ruthless head of security for the collaborative Chinese government, and Wong Chia Chi (Tang Wei) is a revolutionary student who has drawn the short straw in her circle to seduce and lure him into a deadly trap. Their illicit romance becomes the central focus of this powerfully uncompromising film, which operates on the same principle that distinguishes all lasting romances. It isn't just the allure of love, or the celebrities in the cast or the physical attributes of the performers that ultimately compels audiences. It's what they're up against as they pursue that love. In a world where survival overrides all other virtues, their perverse attraction becomes a sort of mutual moral compass — the ultimate union that any love is about. (DT)

MR. WOODCOCK (PG-13, 95 minutes) Mild pleasures are available in this comedy that stops well short of distinction but — primarily because of the comic animosity between a stoic Billy Bob Thornton and a semi-hysterical Seann William Scott — delivers some chuckles. A self-help

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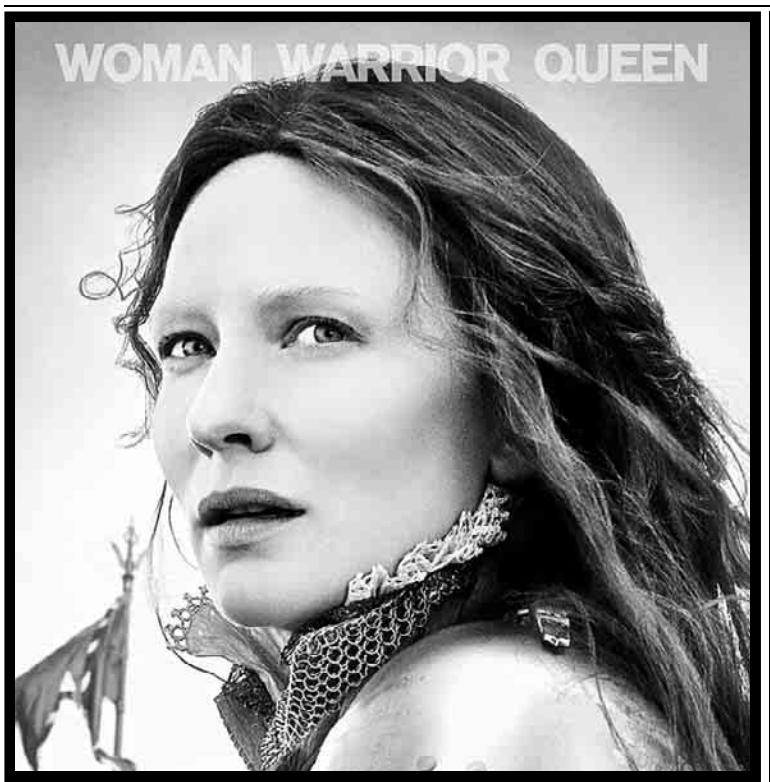
TAKE COVER! "The Kingdom" is action-stuffed and stars Jamie Foxx, kneeling.

RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R, 94 minutes) As the returning zombie-killer in this supposed final installment of the video-game-inspired trilogy, Milla Jovovich is more of a runway model with attitude than an action heroine. Swish, clang go her two cutlasses as she pirouettes in her post-apocalyptic hot pants, suspenders and shin-high boots. Boom, boom go the zombie heads. Then Milla holds the pose, as if waiting for the applause of fashionistas from the viewing pit. With cheap borrowings from "The Road Warrior," the story — set in a post-apocalyptic dustbowl formerly known as Las Vegas — is little more than frenetic tedium as



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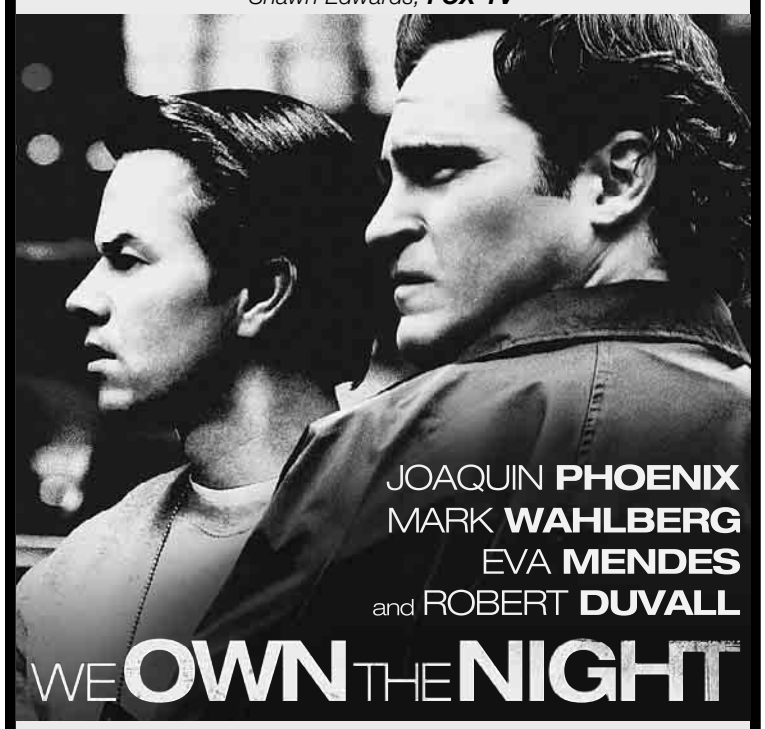

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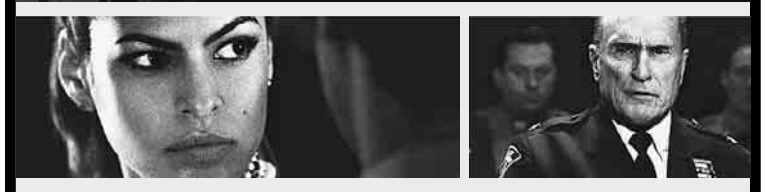

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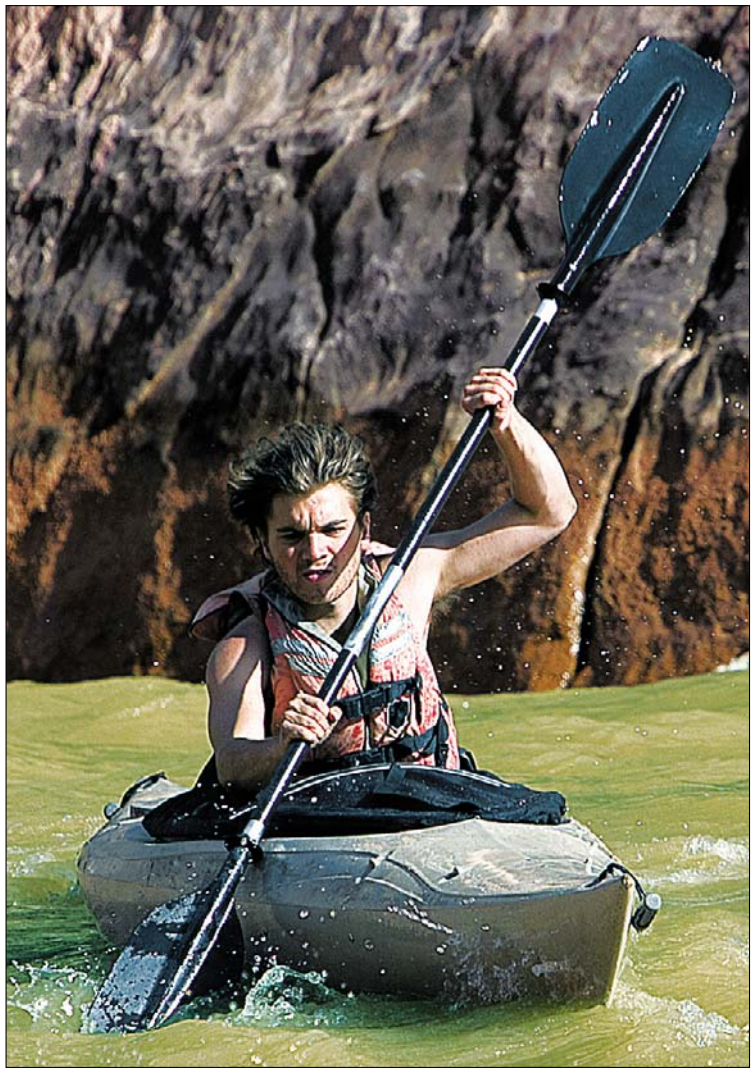
THE SEEKER (PG, 94 minutes) Based on Susan Cooper's award-winning novel "The Dark Is Rising," this film centers on Will Stanton (Alexander Ludwig), who, shortly after his 14th birthday, learns that he is the last in a line of heroes dedicated to fighting the forces of the Dark. The world is in danger, friends of the Light (including Ian McShane) tell him. But Will must find six signs to ensure humankind does not plunge into eternal darkness, courtesy of a sinister man (Christopher Eccleston) known only as the Rider. Given the stronger works that have come from the Walden Media franchise, this movie is a particular disappointment. The script is guilty of downright goofy utterances on occasion, and the direction includes clumsily staged fighting sequences, second-rate special effects and amateurish camera angles. (DT)

SUPERBAD (R, 104 minutes) This movie plays like a sort of prequel to "Knocked Up," in which Seth Rogen portrayed a dumpy pothead who gets the babe in the end. In this movie, which Rogen co-wrote and was co-produced by "Knocked Up" director Judd Apatow — Jonah Hill plays a high school senior who resembles the once and future Rogen, a chubby, foul-mouthed porn addict named Seth who is determined to snag a girlfriend for the summer. While Seth slobbers over a sharp hottie named Jules (Emma Stone), his best friend, Evan (Michael Cera), quietly lusts for a shy girl named Becca (Martha MacIsaac). (AH)

SYDNEY WHITE (PG-13, 105 minutes) Amanda Bynes stars in this movie, which repurposes "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" into an updated teen comedy. Bynes plays a small-town tomboy who arrives for her freshman year at college and promptly rushes a sorority; when she's rejected by campus Queen Bee Rachel Witchburn (Sara Paxton), Sydney takes up with seven other social outcasts in a ramshackle house that looks like it was built by Keebler elves. With her newfound friends the seven dorks (get it?), Sydney goes from Greek to geek in a conversion experience that teaches her about the power of acceptance and inclusion. It's a sweet message in a completely ersatz movie that completely flattens everything, including its star, with a generic look and assembly-line sensibility. There are some clever tweaks to the original's signature features, but for the most part, this movie is strictly Back to Work We Go. (AH)



CHUCK ZLOTNIK

LONER: Emile Hirsch is wanderer Chris McCandless in Sean Penn's "Into the Wild."

3:10 TO YUMA (R, 117 minutes) This movie, starring Russell Crowe and Christian Bale, is based on a '50s western of the same name. Crowe is Ben Wade, a charismatic killer who becomes the custody of small-fry rancher Dan Evans (Bale) on a journey to the nearest depot for that train of title. If Evans, way overmatched and opposed by Wade's gang as well as Wade himself, brings it off, he gets a reward that will let him save his ranch from bigger-fry business interests. The original resolved itself into a "High Noon" clone, ending in a real-time scenario punctuated by clock close-ups until the whistle sounded, the train arrived and all hell broke loose. It generated real suspense as the two male archetypes — predator and provider — faced each other. The remake adds 24 minutes and subtracts most of the suspense. The Stockholm-syndrome nonsense — the bond between guys good and bad over their shared ordeal — of the original is bloated toward total absurdity in an ending that taxes believability while pandering to modern tastes for nihilism. (SH)

VANAJA (Unrated, 111 minutes) The first-time effort of writer-director Rajnesh Domalpalli, this film is ultimately a devastating tale of loss. Vanaja (Mamatha Bhukya, who, like most of the cast, is in her first acting role) is a low-caste girl living in wretched poverty. She drops out of school to become a servant in the home of powerful landowner Rama Devi (former bottling plant worker Urmila Dammannagari, in a luminously imperial performance), who in her youth was a celebrated Kuchipudi dancer. The clever and brashly confident Vanaja soon persuades Devi to teach her this difficult dance-drama style. Things are going swimmingly for Vanaja, but Devi's arrogant son returns home and also takes a shine to Vanaja. Mutual attraction turns to rape, and Vanaja's upward spiral plummets with cruel force. SARAH KAUFMAN

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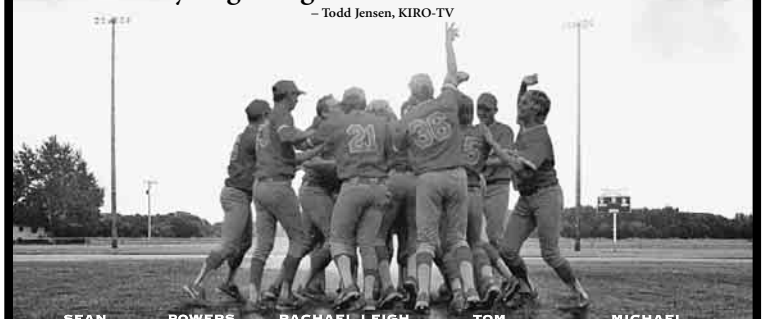

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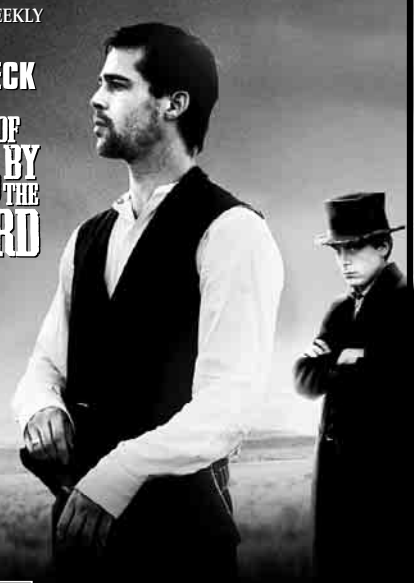

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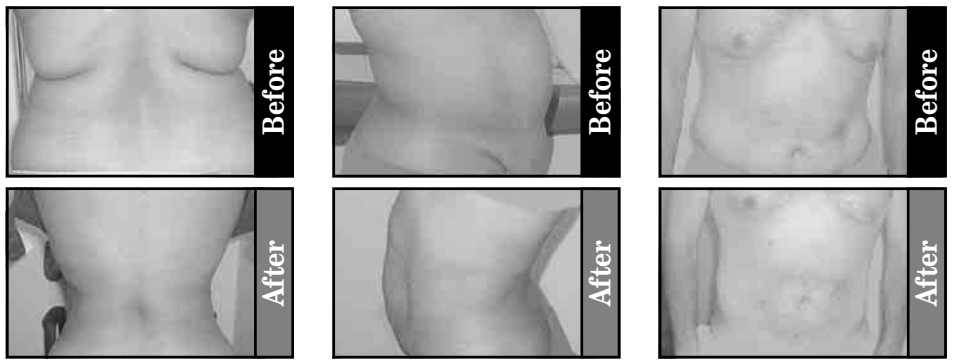

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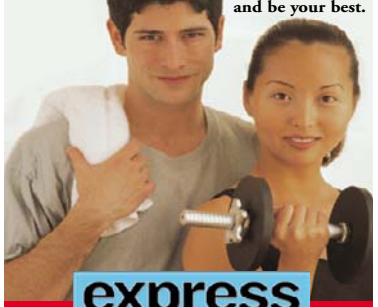

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1:20, 4:20, 7;30, 10:30
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11:15, 1:05, 2:05, 3:45, 4:45,
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***WE OWN THE NIGHT (R)**
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3:25, 9:15
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***THE GAME PLAN (PG)**
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THE GAME PLAN (PG) (10:40 @ $5), 1:20, 4:05, 6:50, 9:35
THE KINGDOM (R) 12:20, 3:00, 5:40, 8:20, 11:00
GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R) 5:50, 10:40
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) (11:00 @ $5), 1:25, 3:50, 6:10, 8:30, 10:45
SYDNEY WHITE (PG13) (11:05 @ $5), 1:35, 4:15
MR. WOODCOCK (PG13) 3:30, 8:10

AMC SELECT
ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:20
THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB (PG13) (10:30 @ $5), 1:00

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ELIZABETH: THE GOLDEN AGE (PG13) ✓ 4:50, 7:40, 10:20
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) ✓ 2:00, 4:45, 7:45, 10:30
TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG13) ✓ 1:30, 4:15, 7:20, 10:00
WE OWN THE NIGHT (R) ✓ 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:15
FEEL THE NOISE (PG13) ✓ 5:30, 8:00, 10:10
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) ✓ 5:00, 7:50, 10:30
THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) ✓ 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
THE GAME PLAN (PG) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45
THE KINGDOM (R) 4:40, 7:30, 10:15
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) 4:45, 7:15, 10:00

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THE GAME PLAN (PG) 12:40, 3:30, 7:05, 9:50

ELIZABETH: THE GOLDEN AGE (PG13) ✓ (10:55 @ $5), 1:40, 4:20, 7:20, 10:15
THE FINAL SEASON (PG) (11:05 @ $5), 1:55, 4:55, 7:40, 10:25
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) ✓ (11:30 @ $5), 1:00, 2:30, 4:00, 5:30, 7:00, 8:20, 10:00, 11:10
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) [CC] [DS] ✓ (11:30 @ $5), 2:30, 5:30, 8:20, 11:10
TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG13) ✓ (11:15 @ $5), 2:00, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45
WE OWN THE NIGHT (R) ✓ (11:00 @ $5), 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:20
FEEL THE NOISE (PG13) ✓ (11:40 @ $5), 2:20, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) ✓ (11:45 @ $5), 1:15, 2:45, 4:15, 5:45, 7:15, 8:30, 10:10, 11:10
THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) ✓ (11:25 @ $5), 2:05, 4:25, 7:25
THE GAME PLAN (PG) (11:10 @ $5), 1:55, 4:35
THE KINGDOM (R) (11:20 @ $5), 2:10, 5:10, 8:00, 10:40
GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R) 10:35 PM
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) (11:50 @ $5), 2:40, 5:20, 8:10, 10:55
SYDNEY WHITE (PG13) (11:35 @ $5), 2:15, 5:00

AMC SELECT
ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG13) (10:50 @ $5), 1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:50
THE ASSASSINATION OF JESSE JAMES BY THE COWARD ROBERT FORD (R) ✓ (11:40 @ $5), 3:15, 7:10, 10:30
INTO THE WILD (R) ✓ (11:55 @ $5), 3:20, 7:00, 10:20
THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB (PG13) ✓ 7:10, 9:55
EASTERN PROMISES (R) 7:35, 10:05

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202-342-6441

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THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) ✓ 12:05, 2:50, 5:40, 8:30, 11:20

ELIZABETH: THE GOLDEN AGE (PG13) ✓ 2:05, 4:55, 7:45, 10:35
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) ✓ 1:30, 4:20, 7:15, 8:15, 10:10, 11:10
TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG13) ✓ 1:55, 4:45, 7:35, 10:25
WE OWN THE NIGHT (R) ✓ 1:25, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50, 12:25
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) ✓ 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:15
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) [DS] ✓ 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:15
THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) ✓ 1:00, 3:30, 6:00
THE GAME PLAN (PG) 12:20, 3:00, 5:30, 8:10, 10:45
THE KINGDOM (R) 1:20, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30, 12:10

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THE DARJEELING LIMITED (R) ✓ 12:30, 2:45, 5:05, 7:30, 10:00, 12:15
INTO THE WILD (R) 1:10, 4:35, 8:00, 11:25
THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB (PG13) ✓ 12:10, 2:35, 5:15, 7:55, 10:40
EASTERN PROMISES (R) 12:25, 2:55, 5:25, 8:05, 10:30

AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18
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THE GAME PLAN (PG) (11:05 @ $5), 1:50, 4:45, 7:20, 10:00

ELIZABETH: THE GOLDEN AGE (PG13) ✓ (10:45 @ $5), 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45
ELIZABETH: THE GOLDEN AGE (PG13) [DS] [CC] ✓ (10:45 @ $5), 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45
THE FINAL SEASON (PG) (10:35 @ $5), 1:20, 4:15, 7:05, 9:50
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) ✓ (10:30 @ $5), 1:25, 4:25, 7:15, 10:05
TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG13) ✓ (10:05, 10:50 @ $5), 12:55, 1:40, 3:45, 4:40, 6:30, 7:30, 9:25, 10:25
WE OWN THE NIGHT (R) ✓ (11:00 @ $5), 1:55, 4:55, 7:40, 10:30
FEEL THE NOISE (PG13) ✓ (11:50 @ $5), 2:10, 4:30, 6:45, 7:50, 9:15, 10:10
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) ✓ (10:25, 11:10 @ $5), 1:10, 2:00, 4:50, 6:55, 7:35, 9:40, 10:20
THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) ✓ (11:20 @ $5), 1:45, 4:10, 6:40, 9:20
THE GAME PLAN (PG) (10:10 @ $5), 12:50, 3:35, 6:20, 9:10
THE KINGDOM (R) (10:40, 11:45 @ $5), 1:15, 2:25, 4:00, 5:05, 6:50, 7:45, 9:35, 10:40
GOOD LUCK CHUCK (R) 2:05, 7:25
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) (10:15 @ $5), 12:40, 3:10, 5:30, 7:55, 10:35
THE BRAVE ONE (R) (11:15 @ $5), 4:35, 9:55
3:10 TO YUMA (R) 4:05

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ACROSS THE UNIVERSE (PG13) (10:00 @ $5), 1:00, 3:55, 7:10, 10:15
THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB (PG13) ✓ 12:00, 2:30, 5:20

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7850 Tysons Corner Center
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3:10 TO YUMA (R) 12:05, 2:45, 5:25, 8:05, 10:45

ELIZABETH: THE GOLDEN AGE (PG13) ✓ (10:55 @ $6), 1:40, 4:35, 7:20, 10:10, 12:45
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) ✓ (11:00 @ $6), 1:55, 5:00, 7:55, 10:50
TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG13) ✓ (11:05 @ $6), 1:50, 4:50, 7:45, 10:40
WE OWN THE NIGHT (R) ✓ 12:00, 2:35, 5:20, 8:10, 10:55
FEEL THE NOISE (PG13) ✓ (10:45 @ $6), 1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40, 9:50, 12:00
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) ✓ (10:00, 11:10 @ $6), 12:40, 1:45, 3:15, 4:25, 5:55, 7:05, 8:40, 10:25, 11:35, 12:40
THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) ✓ (10:00 @ $6), 12:20, 2:40, 5:05, 7:25, 9:40
THE GAME PLAN (PG) (10:40 @ $6), 1:35, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55, 12:30
THE KINGDOM (R) (10:05 @ $6), 12:35, 3:10, 5:45, 7:15, 8:30, 10:05, 11:10, 12:40
THE KINGDOM (R) [DS] [CC] (10:05 @ $6), 12:35, 3:10, 5:45, 8:30, 11:10
RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (R) (10:50 @ $6), 1:15, 3:35, 5:50, 8:15, 10:30, 12:45
SYDNEY WHITE (PG13) (11:30 @ $6), 2:00, 4:40

AMC SELECT
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THE DARJEELING LIMITED (R) ✓ (10:30 @ $6), 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:50, 10:20, 12:35
EASTERN PROMISES (R) (11:25 @ $6), 2:00, 4:30, 9:45, 12:05

AMC MAZZA GALLERIE
Jenifer and Wisconsin
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ELIZABETH: THE GOLDEN AGE (PG13) ✓ 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) ✓ 1:20, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40
TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (PG13) ✓ 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00
WE OWN THE NIGHT (R) ✓ 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20
THE HEARTBREAK KID (R) ✓ 2:10, 4:45, 7:15, 9:50
THE SEEKER: THE DARK IS RISING (PG) ✓ 1:40, 4:15
THE GAME PLAN (PG) ✓ 2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 9:55
THE BRAVE ONE (R) 7:05, 9:45

LOEWS DUPONT 5
1350 19th St.
1-800-FANDANGO #711

ELIZABETH: THE GOLDEN AGE (PG13) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10
MICHAEL CLAYTON (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:50
THE KINGDOM (R) 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 10:20
THE BRAVE ONE (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM (PG13) 2:30, 5:15, 8:00, 10:30

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THE KINGDOM (R) 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

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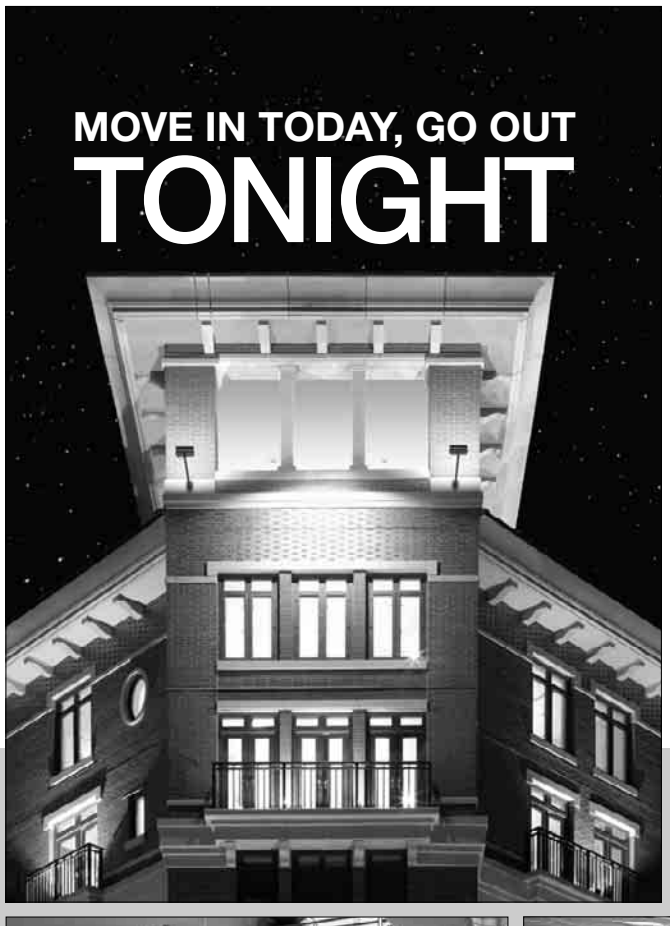

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GUEST STAR MCSICKY: Seth Green will play a patient on two episodes of "Grey's Anatomy" this season. Green, who rated "Grey's" as one of his favorite shows, noted that "if you are going to get sick, Seattle Grace is the place to do it."

Television

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

RED EYE, BLUE EYE
Lucky viewers with special glasses can catch **OUT OF JIMMY'S HEAD** (7 p.m., Cartoon Network, Fri.) and **FOSTER'S HOME FOR IMAGINARY FRIENDS** (7:30 p.m.) in a special 3-D format.

HARDCORE GIRL TALK
Take four spunky fashion-forward gals with a history of chatting about their boyfriends, affairs, marriages and divorces and set them to crime-fighting, and you've got the formula for **THE WOMEN'S MURDER CLUB** (9 p.m., ABC, Fri.).

COMMON PROBLEM
Tami finds it hard to care for the newborn alone on **FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS** (9 p.m., NBC, Fri.).

CREEPY? AWESOME?
A medium returns for a second season of helping the living communicate with the departed on **LISA WILLIAMS: LIFE AMONG THE DEAD** (9 p.m., Lifetime).

VAMPIRE VS. VAMPIRE
Mick sets out to put a greedy new vampire out of business on **MOONLIGHT** (9 p.m., CBS, Fri.).

NOT SO SANE
Joan Crawford stars as an accused axmurderer in the 1964 shocker **STRAIT-JACKET** (9:30 p.m., TCM, Fri.).

MATT SAYLES/AP

LIVE FROM NEW YORK: Dave Grohl and the Foo Fighters will perform on "SNL."

ROMANTIC DRAMEDY
A trip to see a mountain mystic proves eventful on the second season premiere of **MEN IN TREES** (10 p.m., ABC, Fri.).

SING, LIKE, SPONTANEOUSLY
MTV offers a glimpse of **LEGALLY BLONDE: THE MUSICAL** (1 p.m., MTV, Sat.).

MR. EYEBROWS
Peter Gallagher played a pretty cool dad on "The O.C." But even Sandy Cohen would be way out of his league in **THE GATHERING** (9 p.m., Lifetime, Sat. and Sun.), a spooky new weekend-long miniseries.

OF THE NOIR VARIETY
Rod Steiger and Humphrey Bogart star in the 1956 boxing drama **THE HARDER THEY FALL** (10 p.m., TCM, Sat.), part of a nightlong festival of Bogart movies from the 1950s.

NO SINGING FOR HIM
Jon Bon Jovi hosts **SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE** (11:30 p.m., NBC, Sat.), featuring musical guests the Foo Fighters.

TOMATO FOAM
Amy Finly (winner of "The Next Food Network Star") hosts **THE GOURMET NEXT DOOR** (1 p.m., Food, Sun.).

HOMEY! HELP!
Marge encounters burglars (Steve Buscemi and Ted Nugent) on **THE SIMPSONS** (8 p.m., Fox, Sun.)

SNAKES IN A PALACE
Leapin' lizards: It's a show about snakes! **DANGEROUS ENCOUNTERS WITH BRADY BARR: SNAKE BITE** (10 p.m., National Geographic, Sun.) follows the noted herpetologist into a remote cave in Indonesia known as a "snake palace."

FOR A CHANGE
Larry bugs out on **CURB YOUR ENTHUSIASM** (10 p.m., HBO, Sun.).

LIFETIME

WITCHY WOMAN: Lisa Williams chats with the deceased on Lifetime.

SOUNDS LIKE A HIT!
Urban divas trade dreams of Rodeo Drive for a real rodeo in the reality series **GIRL MEETS COWBOY** (10 p.m., WE, Sun.). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

10.12.07		6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC 4	News (N) CC		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Deal or No Deal (iTV) (N) CC		Friday Night Lights "Bad Ideas" (N)		Las Vegas "Head Games" (N) CC		News (N) CC	Tonight Show
	WTTG 5	News (N)	TMZ (N) CC	The Simpsons	Seinfeld CC	MLB Baseball: American League Championship Series Game 1 -- Indians or Yankees at Red Sox						News (N)	TMZ CC
	WJLA 7	News (N) CC	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	20/20 (N) CC		Women's Murder Club CC		Men in Trees "A Tree Goes in Elmo"		News (N) CC	(:35) Nightline (N)
	WUSA 9	News (N) CC	Evening News	News	Entertainment	Ghost Whisperer "Haunted Hero" (N)		Moonlight "Doctor Feelgood" (N)		NUMB3RS "Velocity" (N) CC		News (N) CC	Late Show
	WDCA 20	Judge Judy (N)	Judge Joe Brown	King of Queens	King of Queens	★★ "The End of the Affair" (1999) Ralph Fiennes, Julianne Moore. CC				News (N)	King of the Hill	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Badge"	
	WMPT 22	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Business Rpt.	State Circle	Washington Week	NOW "Child Brides: Stolen Lives" (N)		Bill Moyers Journal (N) CC		Mystery!: Adventures		Smart Travels
	WETA 26	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Washington Week	Inside Wash.	Bill Moyers Journal (N) CC		Ken Burns American Stories CC (DVS)			Charlie Rose (N)
	WHUT 32	White House	Tavis Smiley	BBC World News	Moneywise	Eve. Exchange	To the Contrary	History Detectives CC		BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose (N) CC	
	WDCW 50	My Wife and Kids	Family Guy CC	Two/Half Men	Friends CC	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) CC				Family Guy CC	Friends CC	Two/Half Men	Sex and the City
BASIC CABLE	A&E	Cold Case Files CC		CSI: Miami "Ashes to Ashes" CC		CSI: Miami "After the Fall" CC		★★★ "Forrest Gump" (1994, Drama) Tom Hanks. A slow-witted Southerner experiences 30 years of history. CC					
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter CC		Leave It to the Real Beavers CC		Meerkat Manor	Meerkat Manor	It's Me or the Dog	It's Me or the Dog	Animal Precinct "Apache's Angel"		Meerkat Manor	Meerkat Manor
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Tyler Perry. CC			Hell Date CC	★★ "Soul Plane" (2004, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Tom Arnold. CC				Comicview CC		Take the Cake (Live) CC	
	Bravo	(5:45) Six Feet Under "Ecotone"		Six Feet Under "All Alone" CC		(:15) Six Feet Under "Static" Keith tries to protect David.			Six Feet Under "Everyone's Waiting" Beginning to heal.			★★ "The Bone Collector" (1999)	
	Comedy	(4:30) ★★ "The Royal Tenenbaums"		Scrubs CC	Scrubs CC	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Mind of Mencia	Mind of Mencia	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents
	Court	World's Wildest Police Videos CC		Cops CC	Cops CC	Inside "Lawless Ladies"		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	North Mission	The Investigators "Obsession"	
	Discovery	How It's Made	How It's Made	Survivorman CC		How to Survive "React and Respond"		Man vs. Wild "Sierra Nevada"		Last One Standing		Survivorman	
	DISCH	Critical Incident: 48 Hours of Violence		Trauma: Life in the ER CC		Lance Armstrong: Running for Life		Dr. G: Medical Examiner CC		Skeleton Stories "Black Magic"		Lance Armstrong: Running for Life	
	Disney	Hannah Montana	Hannah Montana	Hannah Montana	Hannah Montana	"Twitches Too" (2007, Mystery) Tia Mowry. Premiere.			Wizards-Place	Hannah Montana	Hannah Montana	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana
	E!	Forbes TV 20: Famous		E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	Dr. 90210 "Freedom Riders"		Kimora: Life in the Fab Lane		The Soup (N)	Dating Show	E! News	Chelsea Lately (N)
	FX	(5:30) ★★ "Shallow Hal" (2001) Gwyneth Paltrow, Jack Black.				★★ "Anger Management" (2003, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Jack Nicholson.				That '70s Show	That '70s Show	★★ "Anger Management" (2003)	
	HGTV	Extreme Homes	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House Hunters	Designed to Sell	Decorating Cents	Get It Together	Fun Shui (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters	Get It Sold	Parents House
	Family	8 Simple Rules	8 Simple Rules	Grounded for Life	★★★ "Steel Magnolias" (1989, Comedy-Drama) Sally Field, Dolly Parton, Shirley MacLaine. CC					America's Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club CC	
	History	Ancient Aliens	Our Generation	Modern Marvels: Levees Levees.		Modern Marvels: Distilleries 2 CC		Hillbilly: The Real Story Stories about mythic hillbillies spanning 300 years.				Cannibalism Secrets Revealed CC	
	Lifetime	Reba CC	★★★ "Pretty Woman" (1990, Romance-Comedy) Richard Gere, Julia Roberts. CC					Lisa Williams: Life Among the Dead		America's Psychic Challenge CC		Blood Ties "D.O.A." Undercover cop.	
	MTV	Life of Ryan	Life of Ryan	Gamekillers (N)	The Hills	Giving: Apollo	The Real World	The Real World	Pageant Place	A Shot of Love With Tila Tequila		Jackass	Jackass
	NICK	Drake & Josh	Drake & Josh	Zoey 101 CC	Ned's School	Tak, Power	Avatar-Last Air	Tigre: Rivera	Back, Barnyard	Fresh Prince	George Lopez	Home Improve.	Home Improve.
	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Lifeboat" CC		Bionic Woman "Sisterhood" CC		Odyssey 5 "Pilot" CC		Flash Gordon "'Til Death" (N) CC		Stargate Atlantis "Reunion" (N) CC		Flash Gordon "'Til Death" CC	
	SPIKE	Star Trek: Voyager "Non Sequitur"		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation CC		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "Lady Heather's Box"			★★★ "Pale Rider" (1985, Western) Clint Eastwood, Michael Moriarty, Carrie Snodgress.				
	TBS	MLB Baseball: NLCS Game 2 -- Rockies at Diamondbacks			Inside MLB	Family Guy CC	Family Guy CC	Family Guy CC	Family Guy CC	Every-Raymond	★★ "Miss Congeniality" (2000) (PA) Sandra Bullock.		
	TLC	What Not to Wear "Sarah D." CC		What Not to Wear "Cristina H." CC		What Not to Wear Music teacher.		What Not to Wear Philosophy student.		Say Yes to the Dress		What Not to Wear Philosophy student.	
	TNT	Law & Order "Admissions"		Law & Order "Remand"		★★ "Guess Who" (2005) Bernie Mac, Ashton Kutcher. Premiere. CC				★★★ "Drumline" (2002, Comedy-Drama) Nick Cannon, Zoe Saldana. CC			
	USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Monk A rap star is accused of murder.		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		House "The Right Stuff" CC	
	VHI	Rock of Love	Rock of Love With Bret Michaels		America's Most Smartest Model			Best Week Ever	Celebrity Eye Candy "Inappropriate"		Hogan Knows	Best Week Ever	I Love New York
SPAN.	TELEM	Daniela	Noti-Telemndo	12 Corazones		Madre Luna		La Esclava Isaura		Pecados Ajenos		Noti-Telemndo	Titulares y Mas
	UNIV	Que Locura	Noticiero Univ	Yo Amo a Juan Querendón (N)		Amar sin Límites (N)		Destilando Amor (N)		Familia-Luche	Retro P. Luche	Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univ.
SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) CC			Football Live	College Football Hawaii at San Jose State. (Live) CC						SportsCenter (Live) CC	
	ESPN2	NASCAR Nextel Cup Happy Hour (Live)			Countdown	NASCAR Racing Busch Series -- Dollar General 300. From Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C. (Live)						The Contender	
	CSN	SportsNite CC	SportsNite CC	NHL Hockey Washington Capitals at New York Rangers. (Live)					SportsNite CC	SportsNite (Live) CC		Washington Post Live	
NEWS	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight CC		The Situation Room		Out in the Open		Larry King Live Eric Clapton. (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 CC			
	FNC	Special Report (Live) CC		The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (Live) CC		Hannity & Colmes (Live) CC		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor	
	MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball CC		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Lockup: San Quentin		Lockup: San Quentin		Lockup: San Quentin Poetry slam.	
MOVIES	AMC	★★ "Young Guns" (1988, Western) Emilio Estevez, Kiefer Sutherland. 'R'				★★ "Fletch" (1985, Comedy) Chevy Chase, Dana Wheeler-Nicholson. 'PG'				★★★★ "Young Frankenstein" (1974, Comedy) Gene Wilder. 'PG'			
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	HBO	"Star Wars: Episode II"		Inside the NFL CC		★ "The Wicker Man" (2006) Nicolas Cage. 'PG-13' CC			Heartbreak Kid	Curb-Enthsm	Curb-Enthsm	Real Time With Bill Maher CC	
	MAX	(5:30) ★★★ "Walk the Line" (2005) Joaquin Phoenix.			(:45) ★★★ "Parenthood" (1989, Comedy) Steve Martin, Dianne Wiest. Premiere. 'PG-13' CC					★★★ "The Devil Wears Prada" (2006) Meryl Streep. 'PG-13' CC			
	SHOW	(5:05) ★★ "Into the Blue" (2005)		★★★ "Akeelah and the Bee" (2006) Laurence Fishburne. iTV. 'PG' CC				Weeds (iTV)	Californication	Brotherhood (iTV) Cousin returns.		Dexter "Waiting to Exhale" (iTV)	
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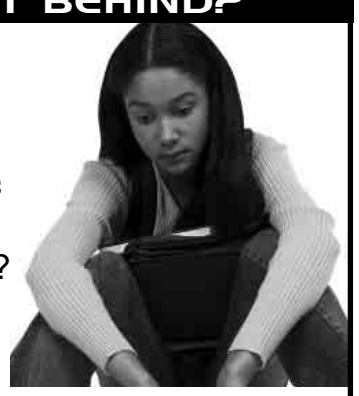

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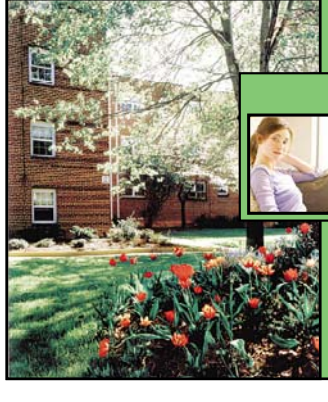

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THOMAS MICHAEL CORCORAN

CRANKIN' TUNES: DJ Matt Aldrich provided a musical backdrop that was peppered with cries of victory and groans of defeat.

Gatherings

A frat-house sport gets the full Olympic treatment in Ballston

Flippin' Out

It's 2:45 p.m. on a sunny Saturday afternoon. More than 100 people in uniforms mill about, huddling with teammates over game strategy and technique. A torchbearer dashes past. All fall silent as they're called to attention.

"Would you mind removing your hats, headbands and bandanas as we sing our national anthem?" asks Andrew Towne, 25, as he takes off his cowboy hat and places his right hand over his heart.

"The Star Spangled Banner" blares from outdoor speakers. Considering that the torchbearer is Lance "The Shred" Kasten — the 45-year-old who won this year's D.C. Air Guitar Championship — and that the torch was of the tiki variety, it's become clear that this isn't your typical sporting event.

So, no one bats an eyelash when Kasten hops into the bed of a pickup truck and unleashes a three-minute air-jam fest to Rush's "2112."

Welcome to the Dakota Boys' 2007 D.C. Flip Cup Championships, a ritual that transcends college connotations and elevates the drinking game into a serious sport. Or as serious as flipping empty beer cups off the edges of tables can be.

Teams of five with names like Shower as a Team, Homeland Security and the Flippin' Furies face off two at a time at one of three wooden tables, carefully pouring beer to the first line of their red Solo cups. While the names might be whack, this is no thrown-together shindig, say Towne and co-host Eric Olson. "We sent seven e-mails to over a thousand people," says Towne. "We started advertising five weeks ago."

What began as a casual party idea last summer created by a bunch of guys from North Dakota who had recently moved to the D.C. area has evolved into a well-organized event in its second year. They built the tables themselves (two are made from unwanted doors from a friend's condo: "We painted them up," says Towne) and they even procured celebrity guests the old-fashioned way: by picking up the phone book.

"So, Andrew — I guess he looked up my last name — calls my mom and says, 'Is this the Shred's wife?' and she says, 'No, the Shred is my son,'" says Kasten with a laugh. "So, these guys call me up and what do you say? I'm going to be a celebrity guest and come here and play nothing."

Last year's torchbearer was even more legit: Joey Cheek, the Olympic gold and silver medalist in speedskating. Turns out he'd just shown up — he's a friend of a friend.

At 3 p.m., the games begin.

After two seed rounds (best out of three), two posters are hung behind DJ Matt Aldrich designating which teams are playing in which brackets. The next few hours are filled with the glorious hoots of victory and the agonizing hollers of defeat as songs like Geto Boys' "Damn It Feels Good to Be a Gangsta" play in the background.

At 5 p.m., two guys set up a drum kit and a guitar amp 10 feet away from the six kegs of Miller High Life. "We played so loud, the cups flipped themselves," says Sun Committee guitarist Seth Barna of his and brother Jason's 30-minute set.

After three rounds and hours of revelry, the event reaches its zenith at 6:15 p.m. Aldrich cues Europe's "The Final Countdown."

It's down to White Rice, which is decked out in matching bandanas, and Pamela Martin and Associates, a ragtag bunch in khakis and Hawaiian shorts.

Forty-five minutes later, the results are in: Five to two. "The winners of the 2007 D.C. Flip Cup Championships are Pamela Martin and Associates," announces Towne. Accompanied by Queen's "We Are the Champions," he hands them a wooden plaque that holds five gold-painted Solo cups and reads "D.C. Flip Cup Champs."

As the evening spins down into the usual post-party detritus — stragglers, crumbs, empty cups — the work that went into the day seems a distant memory. And it had been a lot of work.

"You've got to use a lot of personal motivation," says Towne. "It takes a lot of phone calls, a lot of making sure that the captains are in order, that everyone's going to wear uniforms. Making sure that you line up a celebrity guest and a DJ and a light system and a fog machine and a truck."

That doesn't mean taking it to extremes. "Some people take it too seriously and start yelling at each other," says co-founder Patrick Rosenquist. At the end of the day, even flip-cup is just a game.

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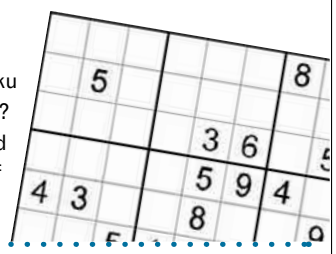
MUSIC

Prickly Side of Prog

Porcupine Tree's new concept album, "Fear of a Blank Planet," is a bleak experience. Express contributor Greg Re spoke with the prog-psychedelic band's singer, Steven Wilson, before the group plays at the State Theatre in Falls Church on Friday.| ONLINE NOW

GAMES

Do You Sudoku?



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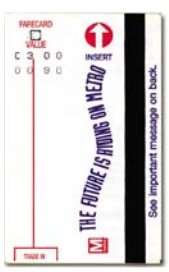
comment board

"What should really happen is a fare hike [for] the suburbs, but free parking at all suburban stations. That'd get suburbanites to ride."

COMMENTER GW, WHO ADDED, "AS A FORMER SUBURBANITE AND A CURRENT D.C. RESIDENT, I STILL ESCHEW ANYWHERE I NEED TO PAY FOR PARKING."

"Who is Jim Graham to dictate what suburbanites can pay for Metro? People have moved to the suburbs because they can't afford to live in D.C."

COMMENTER TIREDOFBEINGLATE4WORK, WHO ADDED, "EVER HEARD OF THE WORKING POOR? THEY DON'T JUST LIVE IN D.C."



"If Metro's increases put the cost of my daily commute higher than what it would cost to park in a downtown parking garage, guess what? I'm driving all the way in [to work]."

COMMENTER DK, RESPONDING TO THURSDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "IS IT FAIR FOR METRO TO SHIFT A GREATER SHARE OF RATE HIKES TO SUBURBAN RIDERS?"

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Blog LOG

"I went out this morning and for the first time, it was cooler outside at 6:30 in the morning than it was in my apartment. It finally feels like fall."

JORDANBAKER.BLOGSPOT.COM IS QUITE EXCITED THAT RECENT TEMPERATURES IN THE HIGH 80S HAVE FINALLY SUBSIDED, ALTHOUGH FALL OFFICIALLY BEGAN THREE WEEKS AGO.

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"We'll confess, we have trepidation about NASCAR, but not because we thought their fans would give us diphtheria."

DEADSPIN.COM IS MILDLY SHOCKED THAT THE HOUSE HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED IMMUNIZATION SHOTS FOR AIDES ATTENDING A NASCAR RACE ON A FACT-FINDING MISSION.

"EDWARDS IS UNLIKELY to run again for public office. In other words, other than the sheer joy of taking down the smug poseur, Republicans have basically no motive to expend energy digging up dirt for a hit job on Edwards, much less one that could blow up in their faces."

REDSTATE.COM CONSIDERS ANTI-EDWARDS CAMPAIGNING BY THE GOP A WASTE OF TIME.

"WHILE IDEALISM and good tidings fueled by an open bar dominated the evening, the issue of funding for the Purple Line hung over the event like a rain cloud. The project needs $600 million to get built."

JUSTUPTHEPIKE.COM DESCRIBES THE SCENE OF A PURPLE LINE FUNDRAISER AT MONTGOMERY COLLEGE ON WEDNESDAY.

"IT'S USUALLY THE FANS who awkwardly quote stars when in their presence, but last night, Damon Wayans quoted himself!"

TMZ.COM RELAYS A STORY ABOUT THE FORMER "IN LIVING COLOR" STAR SAYING "HOMEY DON'T PLAY THAT" TO A PAPARAZZO WHO ASKED HIM TO SMILE FOR A PICTURE.

Discussions

Secret Agent Man

Former CIA disguises expert **ANTONIO MENDEZ** was online Thursday and discussed robotics and espionage, the role technology has played for spies and the ways it can transform spying in the future.

What do you think of the popular spy movies — are they realistic? What are your favorite spy movies or books?

Some are good and some are not. I enjoy watching the best and the worst for different reasons. We get good ideas from both of them. The original "Day of the Jackal" is right on the money. Facial recognition technology started with a Bond movie.

How often are disguises used in the work of the CIA? I mostly think of spies as people who have a long relationship, and a disguise seems unrealistic there. Does much of the covert work in the CIA involve "shoot-'em-ups," like in the movies?

Because disguises are used effectively, there are no shoot-'em-ups, and everything looks old and gray and boring. The definition of good tradecraft is to cause no ripples on the surface. You rob the enemies' secrets every week, and no one knows they are gone.

Who is the next-best country at disguise/concealment: Russia, Israel, etc.? And if it's good to be known as the guys who can't shoot straight, is it better to be known as the baddest boys on the block (like the Mossad was/is)?

The Russians are very good, and small is beautiful when it comes to Mossad. The Spy Museum has a very good selection of the clever spy gear from both sides. It is amazing how similar the solutions are. The Cubans and the East Germans are excellent, as well.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Washington Post staff writer Tarik El-Bashir will be online to take your questions about the Caps and the NHL at noon. | **washingtonpost.com/discussions.**

DO

GET READY FOR HOOPS, COLLEGE PARK. Before they concern themselves with X's and O's, and head basketball coach Gary Williams, the Terrapins will get to show off Friday night in the annual dunkfest known as Maryland Madness on the first day of practice allowed under NCAA regulations.

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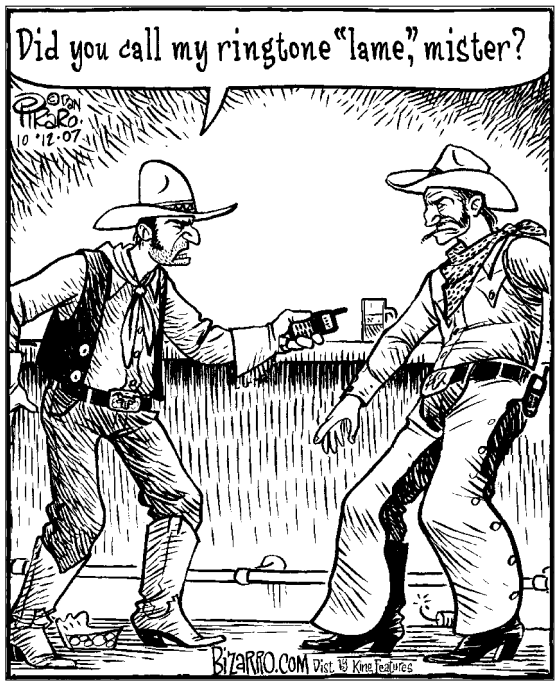
Bizarro | *Dan Piraro*



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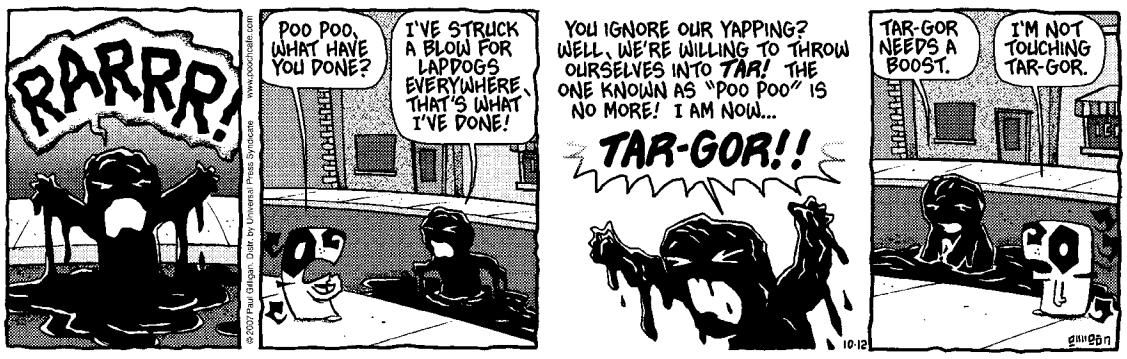
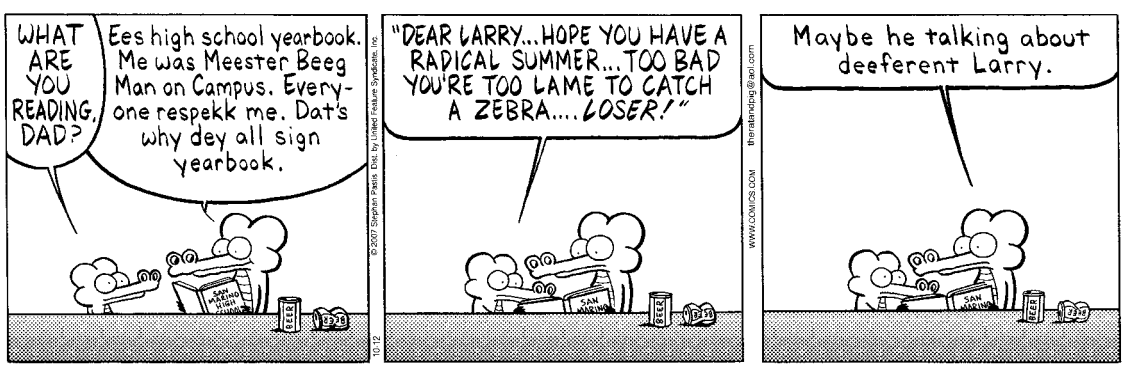


Pearls Before Swine | *Stephan Pastis*



The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may be frustrated by a friend or loved one who doesn't seem willing to support you without reservation. Perhaps he or she has a good reason.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may have to wait a little longer for the support, financial and otherwise, that has been promised to you. Red tape is holding things up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You're in no mood to be pushed into anything. That which you do must be your own idea if it is to reap any real rewards.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your skills may be challenged by someone who has just appeared on the scene. He or she will prove a formidable competitor. Don't panic.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) An early start will enable you to tackle everything on your schedule. You're going to have to increase your efforts in some areas.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Be sure that a good friend doesn't hear the wrong things about you through the grapevine. Be direct, honest and straightforward.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Concentrate on assignments that seem to be anything but routine. There may be a reason that others want you to be out of the limelight.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Someone you encounter may seem to have your number — but you can have the upper hand very soon by playing a card dealt only to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) That which most intrigues you may also prove most hazardous to you in the long run. It's important to remain safety-conscious.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Excitement is one thing, but what you really need at this time is someone to offer you a lifeline to ensure your continued stability and health.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Now is no time to put all your eggs into one basket. You will enjoy the best possible chance of success if you diversify.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Take the initiative and you can show others the way to success even as you make things happen for yourself. Be generous with your time.

DIMITRI MESSINIS/AP

Investigators examine the USS Cole after it was attacked on this day in 2000.

Today in History

1492 Christopher Columbus arrives with his expedition in the present-day Bahamas.

1870 Gen. Robert E. Lee dies in Lexington, Va., at age 63.

1933 Bank robber John Dillinger escapes from a jail in Allen County, Ohio, with the help of his gang, which killed the sheriff, Jess Sarber.

1960 Soviet premier Nikita Khrushchev disrupts a U.N. General Assembly session by pounding his desk with a shoe when a speaker criticized his country.

1997 Singer John Denver is killed in the crash of his privately built aircraft in Monterey Bay, Calif. He was 53.

2000 Seventeen sailors are killed in a suicide bomb attack on the USS Cole in Yemen.

PostPoints DAILY CODE 10

Look out People

DANNY MOLOSHOK/AP

Why even bother with punctuation?

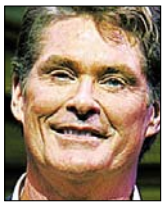
GRAMMAR

This Run-On Sentence Summarizes Britney News

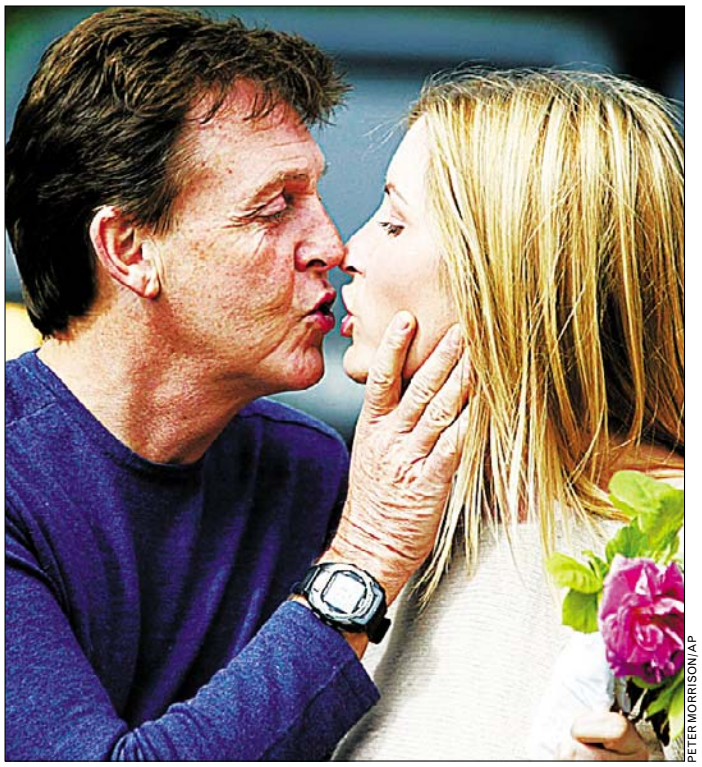
A court commissioner granted lawyers for **BRITNEY SPEARS** and **KEVIN FEDERLINE** more time to discuss Spears' visitation with their children — then abruptly ended a custody hearing Thursday without ruling on whether the singer should be allowed to have overnight visits. (AP)

TREATMENT

Swift Action Deprives Fans Of Trademark Hoff Antics



DAVID HASSELHOFF was released from a hospital Wednesday after being treated for alcoholism. "David had a brief relapse and immediately recognized the importance of addressing it with the assistance of his doctors," said his publicist in a statement. (AP)



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MYSTERIOUS COURT DATES

Truce or Torment?

PAUL MCCARTNEY and **HEATHER MILLS** appeared in court Thursday as British media reported they may be nearing a divorce settlement. After about seven hours at London's Royal Courts of Justice, both left the building in separate cars. News reports said the immediate issue was likely to be the size of Mills' divorce settlement from the wealthy former Beatle. Press speculation has recently put the sum at between $40 million and $100 million. (AP)

LOGIC

Lawyers Realize Best Strategy Is to Be Fired

His lawyer acted in everyone's best interest.

A judge postponed **WESLEY SNIPES**' tax evasion trial until early next year after the actor fired his legal team. U.S. District Judge William Terrell Hodges on Wednesday called it a "ploy," but said the motion was in the public interest. The case was headed to court this month after earlier delays pushed it off the calendar in March. Snipes expressed a "complete lack of trust and confidence" in attorney William R. Martin. (AP)

CAREERS

All That's Left for Her Now Is Starz Original Movies

Former "Lost" star **MICHELLE RODRIGUEZ** was sentenced Wednesday to six months in jail for failing to complete community service and alcohol monitoring as part of her probation from a previous incident. Rodriguez appeared in Los Angeles Superior Court, where she was ordered to report to the county jail on Christmas Eve. Rodriguez was on three years probation after pleading no contest to hit-and-run, driving on a suspended license and drunken driving. (AP)

SIGH

Pot and Kettle: Just Shut the Heck Up, OK?

A blogger will be questioned about his report claiming Lindsay Lohan's friend planted cocaine found in the actress' car after a crash. Samantha Ronson has sued **PEREZ HILTON** for defamation after he repeated a report that first appeared on another Web site. (AP)

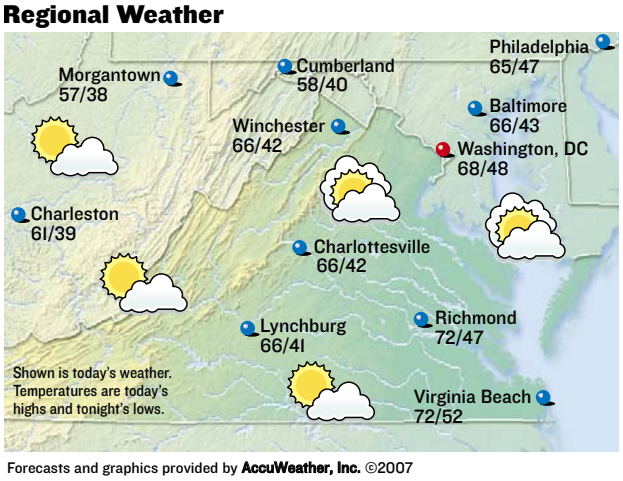
KRISTIAN DOWLING/GETTY IMAGES

You don't sue the piper for piping.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly sunny, breezy	Mostly clear, cool	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny
68°	48°	66° / 51°	68° / 52°	72° / 58°	76° / 56°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

Temperature

High	67°
Low	56°
Normal high	70°
Normal low	51°
Average humidity	46%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	Trace
Month to date	Trace
Normal month to date	1.22"
Year to date	21.64"
Last year to date	38.24"
Normal year to date	31.27"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: **washingtonpost.com/weather**

Regional Forecast

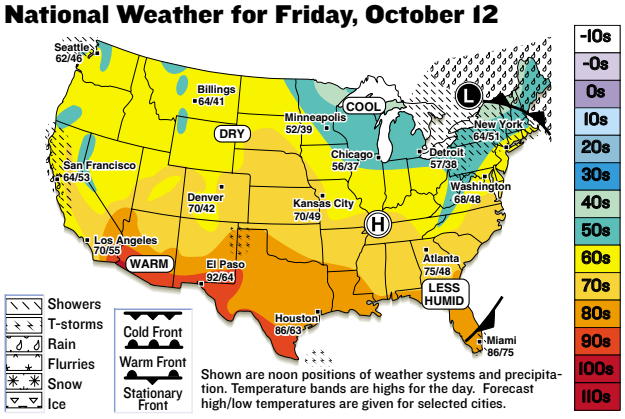
D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, breezy, cool. High 68. Wind northwest 12-25 mph. Tonight, mostly clear. Low 48. Wind west-northwest 6-12 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:14 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:35 p.m.
Moonrise today	8:39 a.m.
Moonset today	6:58 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Oct 19	Oct 26	Nov 1	Nov 9

National Weather for Friday, October 12



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	75/48/s	74/55/s
Boston	58/46/r	60/44/pc
Chicago	56/37/pc	63/46/s
Dallas	83/66/s	84/68/s
Denver	70/42/s	63/40/sh
Honolulu	86/73/pc	86/72/s
Los Angeles	70/55/pc	70/58/pc
Miami	86/75/pc	86/76/pc
New York City	64/51/pc	61/51/pc
Orlando	84/62/s	86/67/s
Seattle	62/46/pc	62/46/pc

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	58/44/pc	57/45/pc
Athens	77/63/sh	76/64/pc
Berlin	56/37/c	49/38/pc
Buenos Aires	57/52/r	64/55/pc
Calgary	53/33/pc	58/38/pc
Dublin	64/50/pc	63/48/pc
Geneva	67/42/pc	66/43/s
Moscow	39/34/sn	38/32/sn
Rome	70/55/c	70/53/pc
Sydney	73/54/t	68/52/s
Tokyo	66/55/pc	66/57/sh

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Puzzles | Look out

CROSSWORD | MAKE YOUR MOVE

ACROSS
1 Substitute for the unnamed, briefly
5 Togo's chief port
9 Boca ___, Fla.
14 Apple, for one
15 Kingly name
16 Playing marble
17 "___ La Douce"
18 Timber dresser
19 Sled dog of a 1995 film
20 Take a decisive step
23 Punch-line reaction
24 Break a commandment
25 ___-jongg
28 Paroles
31 Speedometer letters
34 Prima donna's repertoire
36 Memorable time
37 Flier's feat
38 Decide not to, say
42 Auction site
43 Poem originally intended to be sung
44 Laughing critter
45 Three Gorges project
46 "A Nation of Immigrants" subject
49 Scale notes
50 State touching Can.
51 Earn
53 Live dangerously
61 Nonnational
62 Chat partner
63 "___ each life ..."
64 Short-tailed lemur
65 Freight car hopper, perhaps
66 Is unable
67 Shoe forms
68 ___ for business
69 "___ the night before Christmas ..."

DOWN
1 "Ben-Hur," e.g.
2 Atmospheric pressure unit
3 Magazine supplies
4 Animal restrainer
5 Hate
6 Passe
7 Puzzle of perplexing paths
8 At some time
9 Leporid
10 From square one
11 Bath powder ingredient
12 "Iron Chancellor" Bismarck
13 Bright light in the big city
21 Taco condiment
22 Frequent drink
25 Defeated at chess
26 Resort west of Curacao
27 King of Tyre
29 Seamstress
30 "... man ___ mouse?"
31 Suburbanite's tool
32 It gets off the ground
33 Georgetown team
35 "Where" or "how" preceder
37 Conversation opener
39 "___ is an island ..."
40 Guy before J.F.K.
41 Denim alternative
46 Handsome young man
47 Drink
48 Shipping unit
50 Without energy
52 King's proclamation
53 Court security
54 Skeletal part
55 Purges
56 Audio feedback, of a sort
57 Haberdashery, e.g.
58 Chew like a mouse
59 Eruptive spot
60 Bibbers

Yesterday's Solution

S	W	A	G		A	B	A	S	H		T	A	C	K
L	A	I	R		L	O	T	T	O		E	C	H	O
A	L	D	A		T	R	O	O	P		A	R	E	S
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W	I	T			G	E	A	R		A	N	I	L	E
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B	U	L	B		T	I	D	A	L		M	O	L	E
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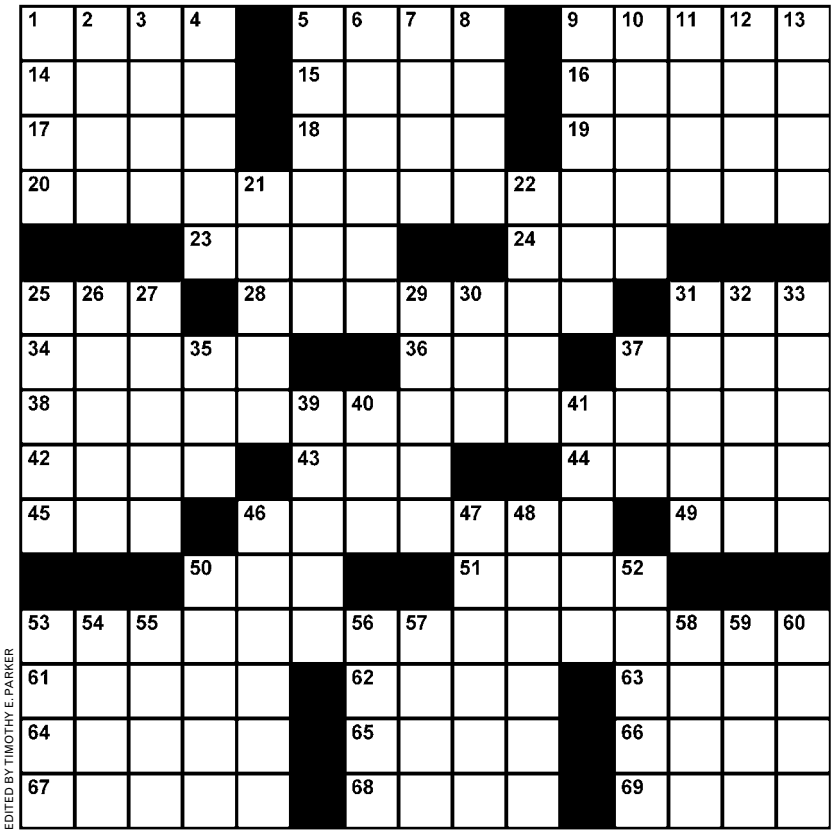

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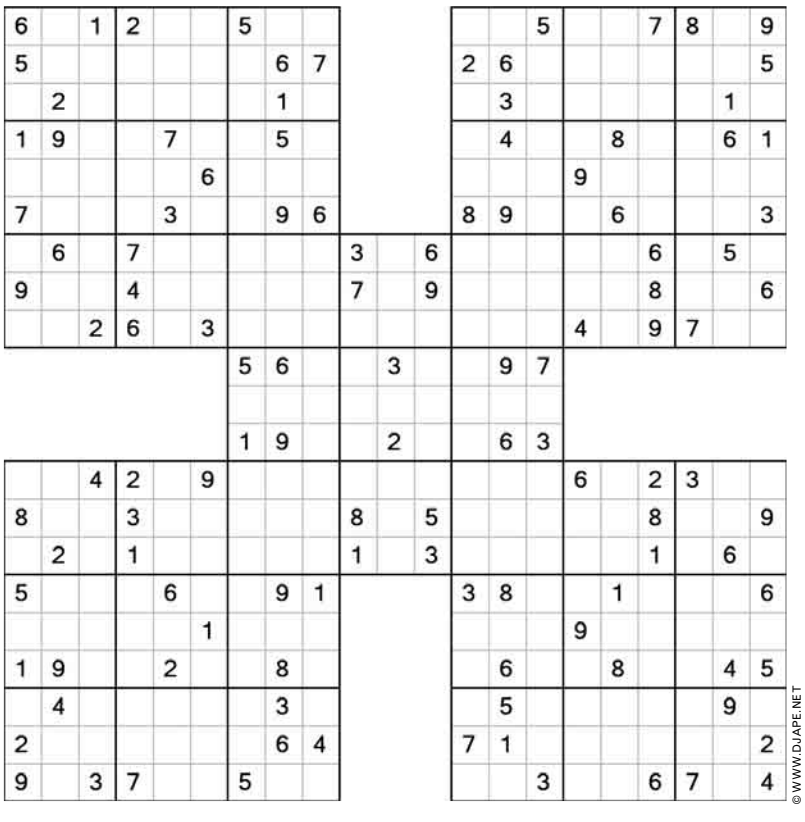
SAMURAI SUDOKU | MEDIUM

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.



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Last Week's Solution

5	6	2	7	8	9	3	4	1
1	8	9	2	3	4	5	7	6
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6	7	5	8	9	2	4	1	3
9	1	8	4	6	3	2	5	7
4	2	3	1	7	5	9	6	8
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1	4	9	6	2	5	7	8	3
7	1	3	5	6	8	2	9	4
8	2	6	1	4	9	5	7	3
4	9	5	2	7	3	6	1	8

CLASSIC SUDOKU | HARD

3		4						9
		7			1			
1	8					2		
8				5	3		2	
		9				4		
	3		8	6				5
		8					3	1
			5			7		
9						6		2

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Yesterday's Solution

5	1	4	7	9	8	6	2	3
9	6	8	3	1	2	5	4	7
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7	5	6	9	2	4	8	3	1
4	8	2	5	3	1	9	7	6
2	3	1	6	4	5	7	8	9
6	7	9	2	8	3	4	1	5
8	4	5	1	7	9	3	6	2

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

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face Q+A time

The traditional sports-movie formula calls for a player or team that's a long shot. Sean Astin knows it well — he played the puny wannabe football player in "Rudy." But "The Final Season" (opening today) throws the audience a curveball. The Norway High School baseball team is stellar; it's the novice coach (played by Astin) who looks like the sure loser.

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Sean Astin

ACTOR, PRODUCER OF 'THE FINAL SEASON'

OK, you've done football, now baseball. Which underdog sports movie is next?
It's a cycling story. I'm playing one of the guys who rides behind Lance Armstrong.

Are you really a baseball player, or was that all special effects?
I played for 13 years. I absolutely love it. But I found out when I shot this movie that I can't play anymore. I can hit and field, but when it comes to throwing, I'm no good.

Do you rock the baseball cap look?
I have, not right now. But I played in this celebrity day at the Dodgers Stadium last year, and they gave us these great shorts with the L.A. Dodgers logo on them, and I run in those every day.

So, you're a big fan?
Mostly of the sport itself. When spring training rolls around, my brother and I grab a fungo bat and start playing around.

This movie is very pro-small town living. Are you that way?
I like the wide-open spaces — just driving by the cornfields and wheat fields. And the people, too. I married a woman from Indiana, and we go to her hometown a lot. So, I'm comfortable talking to farmers and truck drivers. It's a different language.

How do you keep that small-town flavor in your life in L.A.?
Through my 10-year-old. She always wants to visit Indiana. She'll start describing the raspberries and walking with Grandma and Grandpa. She's their best advertisement. So, I have my small-town America at home with her and a big garden out in the back.

Are you a gardener?
My character Samwise in "Lord of the Rings" was.

But what about you?
I have all the power and strength of a gardener inside me, but it hasn't happened yet. One of my favorite quotes from Voltaire's "Candide" — and I'll give it to you in English because I don't know the French — comes after he's suffered and lived. And he says, "You must cultivate your own garden."

As the narrator of "Meerkat Manor," have you seen any parallels with your family?
Yes — if you ever hang out with my kids, they're always roughhousing. There's always a lot going on between me, my wife, our kids, dog and three cats.

Did you get any souvenirs from the movie to take home to play with?
I got a bat, but I'm not playing with mine. As a kid, I took a World Series autographed baseball, with all of these names like Tommy Lasorda, and played with it in gravel. It was like tearing up a $1,000 bill. So, I learned my lesson. This bat is staying in my office.

VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

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4 Retro-Sensual

GIVENCHY LAUNCHED its first two fragrances in 1957; L'Interdit, inspired by Audrey Hepburn, also scored her as its spokesmodel. Two men's scents followed, and a brand was born. Fifty years later, the label's early classics are being reissued—L'Interdit, Le De, Givenchy III and Eau de Givenchy ($85 each, Nordstrom.com) for women, and Monsieur, Eau de Vetyver and Xeryus for men ($65 each).

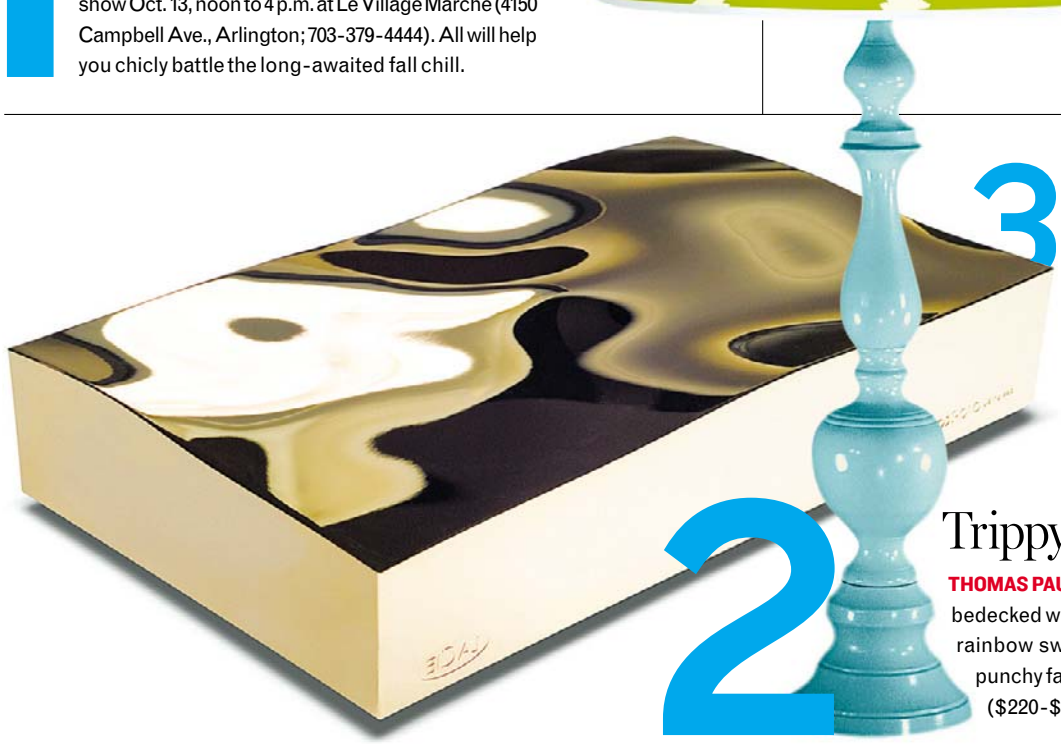
Grab Bag

1 The Skein Event

BARNABY, PET RABBIT of D.C.'s Molly Miller, contributes some of the soft fibers that the knitter uses in scarves and wraps. Linen yarn and recycled plastic bags also get needled into the snuggle-up stuff ($60-$175, Mollymillerbyappt.com), starring in a trunk show Oct. 13, noon to 4 p.m. at Le Village Marché (4150 Campbell Ave., Arlington; 703-379-4444). All will help you chicly battle the long-awaited fall chill.

5 Perfect Unions

TAKE A PLAIN COOKIE. Add fancy chocolate. Then peanut butter. Top with a pickle slice. (Don't judge!) Chase with milk. Godiva makes such heavenly snacks easier with its cookie-candy Biscuit Collection ($8.50-$40, Godiva.com). Seven styles, including the dark chocolate-topped heart above, will lure you with their caloric siren song.



3 Hard Candy

AESTHETICS-WISE, the best that can be said about portable hard drives is that looking at them won't turn you into stone. But LaCie's Golden Disk (500 gb, $189, Lacie.com), a swoopy little peripheral resembling a sheet cake with swirly buttercream frosting, looks good enough to lick. That this object of beauty holds data is just gravy.

2 Trippy Lights Fantastic

THOMAS PAUL won over design junkies eons ago with silk pillows bedecked with pink birdies, earthy damasks and acid-dreamy rainbow swirls. Now the print-mad New Yorker has put his punchy fabrics onto the shades of lamps and pendant lights ($220-$570, 2modern.com) that scream SoHo stylista.

dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

One of my husband's many cousins is getting married in October at a suburban synagogue; the reception is at a hip downtown spot. I'm wearing a knee-length shift dress in a Pucci-like print. Can you suggest some shoes? – DEE

■ Manolo says, this wedding, it sounds like exactly the sort of celebration of which the Manolo approves: the traditional ceremony followed by dinner at the good restaurant.

Yes, the Manolo also enjoys the

big $200,000 blowout, the sort that features liveried footmen delivering the bride and her monster gown in the silver sedan chair, while the prop husband stands there waiting, looking earnestly befuddled in his cutaway and ascot.

Still, the Manolo finds that in the midst of such Hollywood spectaculars he often longs for the sort of wedding that our grandparents knew, small affairs with the bride in the modest white dress and the groom in his best black suit, followed by the awkward celebratory dinner at the Italian restaurant in Hackensack.

Here is the respectable but fun black suede pump from Marc by Marc Jacobs ($329, Zappos.com), something perfect for the ceremony and the reception to follow.

@ Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

ON THE COVER

Ivy hues are the new neutral: This green vegan handbag from Wild Women Wear Red ($90, 1512 U St. NW; 202-8387-5700) **would pair well with both brown and black. Photo by Marge Ely.**

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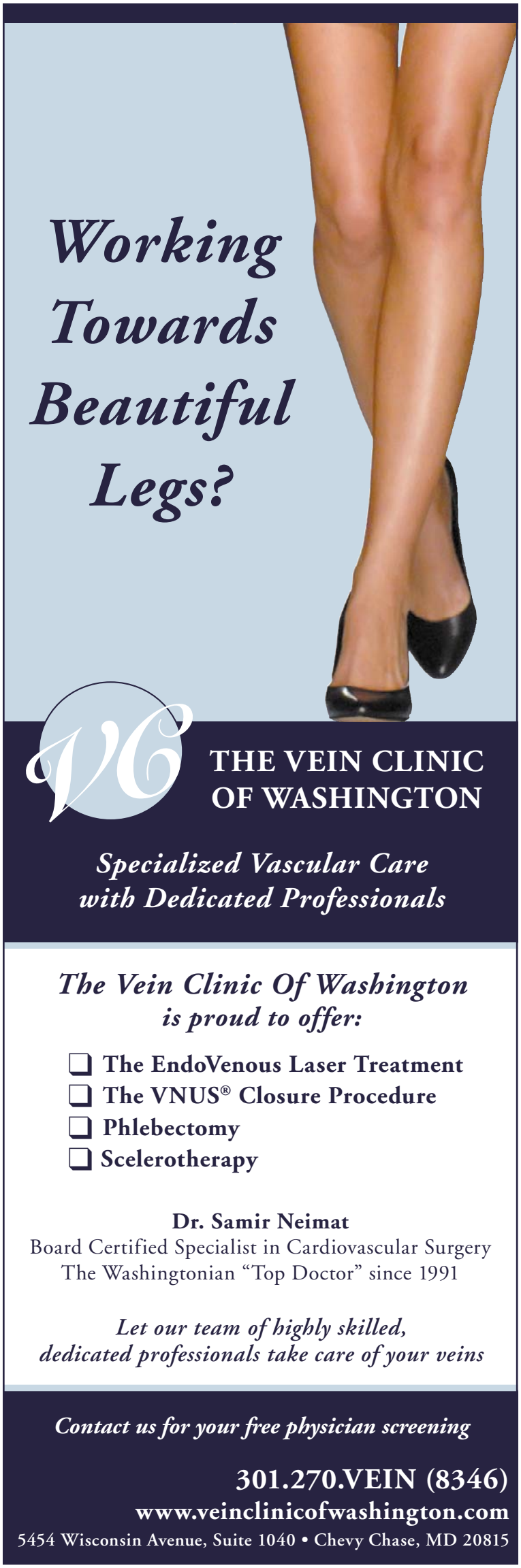
BAG ONE OF FALL'S HOT TOTES, FROM A SILVER LEATHER STAR TO A PUNKY PLAID SATCHEL.

To Have & To Hold

Like leaves, handbags go through a big transformation come fall. Even though some days are still summery, it's time to stash pastel-print clutches and straw beach totes. The season's major carriers embrace autumn with luxe leathers in hues like purple and emerald, and fabrics like velvet or sweater knit. Designers are still hot and heavy for metallics, so expect lots of shine. Another change is a lack of in-your-face labels. After all, it's more subtle and sophisticated if people notice your sense of style, not that big Fendi or Juicy ad you're schlepping around. ASHLEY JOY PARKER

(1) Not just for snuggly sweaters, cozy cable knit warms up a shoulder bag. ($24.50, Oldnavy.com) **(2) The new season** of "Project Runway" doesn't start until next month. Comfort thyself with a creation by season one champ Jay McCarroll: a canvas bowling bag with dartboard-ish patches. ($60, Fredflare.com) **(3) Big bags are a big trend**. Pink Moon's camel-colored leather giant swallows tiny totes and teeny clutches while functioning as the ideal work satchel. ($502, Pieces of Silver Spring, 8201 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring; 301-650-0082) **(4) Both Baroque and Victorian** in mood, Isabelle Fiore's vintage-inspired jacquard-and-patent leather creation cuts a classy swath through a sea of dull pocketbooks. ($595, Eluxury.com) **(5) Aldo's studded glam-rock** clutch rocks with '80s-inspired leggings. ($30, Aldoshoes.com) **(6) A groovy '70s vibe** distinguishes Melie Bianco's vegan bag. Its partners in crime? A trench and tall boots. ($73, Wild Women Wear Red, 1512 U St. NW; 202-387-5700) **(7) Prepster plaid** seems new and cool, not old Catholic school, when made into a doctor's bag in Granny Smith green. ($27, Fredflare.com) **(8) Purple, still reigning over fashion,** makes its way onto a tote that pops against neutrals like winter white or gunmetal gray. Want to be bold and beautiful? Carry it while wearing other jewel tones. ($355, Reiss, 1254 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-944-8565) **(9) Loved by wild things** and Tarzans, a leopard print gets city-pretty on a satin carry-all from Michael by Michael Kors. But only bad kitties would pair it with matching shoes. ($348.00, Eluxury.com) **(10) While frame bags** have made a comeback this fall, slouchy hobo shapes still look hip hitching a ride on your arm. This paisley pack boasts a Brooklyn-babe edge. ($68, Pop, 1803 14th St. NW; 202-332-3312) **(11) Mirror, mirror on my shoulder.** Kooba's metallic must-have satchel isn't just for the nighttime; it pairs exceptionally well with dark colors for work. ($835, Kooba.com)



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Celeb ... Success?

Wait a minute: celebrity scents that actually smell good? Seriously surprising. (We didn't sniff the latest offerings from Paris Hilton and Britney Spears, however.) It's easy to riff on how ridiculous it is that more and more bold names are branding everything from shoes to computer products, but when said spin-offs are fabulous, it's a different story. These stars are doing the public's olfactory systems a favor. What's next? Car air fresheners? Bring it on. KRIS CORONADO (EXPRESS)

1 Scent of a Woman: UNFORGIVABLE WOMAN BY SEAN COMBS, USHER FOR WOMEN BY USHER

One thing's for sure: The fragrance released by **SEAN COMBS** (aka Diddy) in September is unforgivable — the steamy commercial was banned from TV. Does it live up to the hype? Believe it or not, Diddy done did it. **UNFORGIVABLE WOMAN** ($55-$75, Sephora) is musky, but not overpoweringly so. Hints of jasmine and freesia tickle the sniffer while emitting a sexy vibe. Not so fast, Diddy, says **USHER**, who is in for some feminine adulation, too. The bottle containing **USHER FOR WOMEN** ($52-$68, Macy's) is gorgeous (the engraving on the cap spins!); soft overtones of vanilla and a touch of bubble gum evoke a teenage Usher fan who grew up. Teeny words are etched into the top, which reads, "It is not how famous, it is what UR famous for." Too famous to spell out "you're," apparently.

2 You Go Girls

L BY GWEN STEFANI
GLOW BY JENNIFER LOPEZ
M BY MARIAH CAREY

Holy patchouli! The top of **GWEN STEFANI**'s **L** ($55-$70, Macy's) — part of her L.A.M.B. label —is tougher to remove than little Kingston from Mommy 's hip. But once you wrestle it off, a breezy blend of citrus, hyacinth and pear wafts free.

What's better than regular old perfume? Perfume with sparkles in it! That's what **JENNIFER LOPEZ** decided to do to celebrate the fifth-year anniversary of **GLOW** ($45, Macy's). As a result, the spray comes out a wee bit runny, but when the concoction of baby powder and florals dries, it leaves a shine far more subtle than J.Lo herself.

Considering most don't share **MARIAH CAREY**'s taste in ultra-short shorts, one might hesitate to mist themselves with **M** ($38-$58, Macy's). They'd be missing out on this mix of marshmallow and sassy spices, though.

For links to Mariah's TV ad, plus Diddy's and others, go to Readexpress.com.

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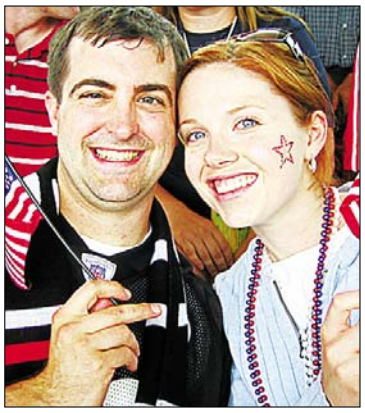


Dallas Baker, Anna Schardt

Dallas, 30, is an electrical engineer. Anna, 25, is an associate editor. They live in McLean.

■ **The Main Event:** A semiformal ceremony at a 19th-century mansion in Baltimore on Nov. 17. The priest from Dallas' family church will officiate.

■ **How They Met:** At a mutual friend's Fourth of July barbecue in Boston.

■ **First Impressions:** "I was carrying a suitcase and he offered to take it for me," says Anna. "Very gentlemanly!"

■ **First Date:** After Hurricane Isabella, Dallas drove a generator to his parents' house in Baltimore. "I decided to swing by Pittsburgh on my way back to Vermont and see her," he says. They went to dinner. "We talked all night long about literature," says Anna.

■ **How He Proposed:** They were playing outside with their dog when Dallas dropped to one knee in the fall leaves. That wasn't the original plan, though: "I was going to propose during 'Lost,' but the story line was too depressing."

■ **When She Knew:** While in Germany for the 2006 World Cup. "We were together for eight straight days and got along perfectly the entire time," says Anna.

■ **Stupidest Fight:** "We argue over grammar," says Dallas. "'Bring' versus 'take' — she never gets that right."

■ **Making It Unique:** Mini-bottles of maple syrup as favors, reflecting Dallas' years in Vermont. "I love maple syrup, so any extras go home with us," he says.

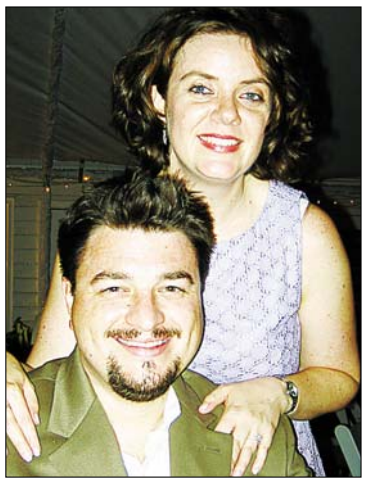
"Someone is bound to trip going up the aisle. I hope it isn't me!"

ISO My Future Wife

Working as a temp, **LINDSEY CLARK** passed the hours by reading the Craigslist personal ads, not answering them. Then one caught her eye. "Erik's was the only one I ever answered," she says. "It was honest and funny. I thought, 'Why not?'" Out of about 100 responses, she stood out to **ERIK HANSEN**, too. On meeting in person, "I was shocked by her beauty," he recalls. "After the first five minutes of talking, I was in love with her personality."

The pair will wed on Oct. 20 at an Alexandria Embassy Suites hotel, where Lindsey will walk down the aisle to the Beatles' "And I Love Her." Family traditions? After some rowdy relatives nearly got tossed out of an Embassy Suites hotel in Charleston, Lindsey hopes to start a "tradition of getting kicked out of Embassy Suites." And to them, "family" is a highly inclusive term: They're dedicating a poem to their dog, Lincoln, in the program.

Erik, 28, is a director of marketing and brand strategy. After the wedding, Lindsey, 27, will work for the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities. They live on Capitol Hill.



Adrienne Brusselars, Michael Rucki

Adrienne, 32, is a program specialist at the Library of Congress. Mike, 37, is a project coordinator for ATS Inc. They will live in Bethesda after they marry.

■ **The Main Event:** A formal gathering at a historic Virginia inn on Nov. 3. They're incorporating into the wedding the Marriage Cup, an Irish tradition in which newlyweds share wine from a special goblet.

■ **How They Met:** Mike was meeting a blind date at a Halloween party — and the date brought Adrienne.

■ **First Date:** Dinner at Gordon Biersch, followed by a Peter Gabriel concert.

■ **How He Proposed:** At Palena in Cleveland Park. Dessert included a handmade ring box surrounded by champagne grapes.

■ **Most Hated Clothing Item:** "Ninety percent of Mike's hockey jerseys," says Adrienne.

■ **Making It Unique:** A live webcast for those who cannot attend. Plus, loads of Elvis tunes and a Washington Capitals-themed groom's cake.

■ **Celebrating Heritage:** "John Denver's 'Country Roads' must be played, though we all grew up in New Jersey," says Mike.

■ **With an Infinite Budget:** A wedding tour with ceremonies and receptions in California, New Jersey, Las Vegas and D.C.

Mike "fears that I'll have complete brain lock during our first dance and forget the steps."

Joe Carpenter, Anya Slutskaya

Joe, 28, is an IT consultant. Anya, 26, is a health broker. They live in Bethesda.

■ **The Main Event:** The black-tie Reform Jewish ceremony will take place Nov. 2 at a castle in Baltimore. The celebration will combine Jewish, Ukrainian and American traditions.

■ **How They Met:** D.C.'s Home Lounge. Trying not to come off as "creepy," Joe asked Anya to take a picture of him and his friends. "We still have that picture on our mantel."

■ **First Date:** Anya met up with Joe (and some pals) for his birthday at a sports pub in Arlington. "It was more of a group date," she says, "but we did skip down the street holding hands at the end of the night."

■ **How He Proposed:** On their one-year anniversary, Joe filled their new, empty apartment with 104 roses — one for each day they'd spent together. A love poem Joe had written sealed the deal.

■ **Their Song:** "Dear Wally" by Asylum. "It's a beautiful story of a 55-year marriage," says Joe. "It captivated us."

■ **Stupidest Fight:** A game of cards. "I cheated," Anya admits. "How could she think I wouldn't catch her?" says Joe.

■ **Pet Names:** Joe is "Buttercup." Anya is "Pumpkin."

■ **Making It Unique:** "You mean besides my having 12 groomsmen, three of my sisters putting on a hand-balancing/contortion performance, two other sisters and a brother performing live music that they are writing and dedicating to us, the clown, the karaoke, the Russian dancing and the fact that it's all happening at a friggin' castle? Nothing, I guess," says Joe.

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